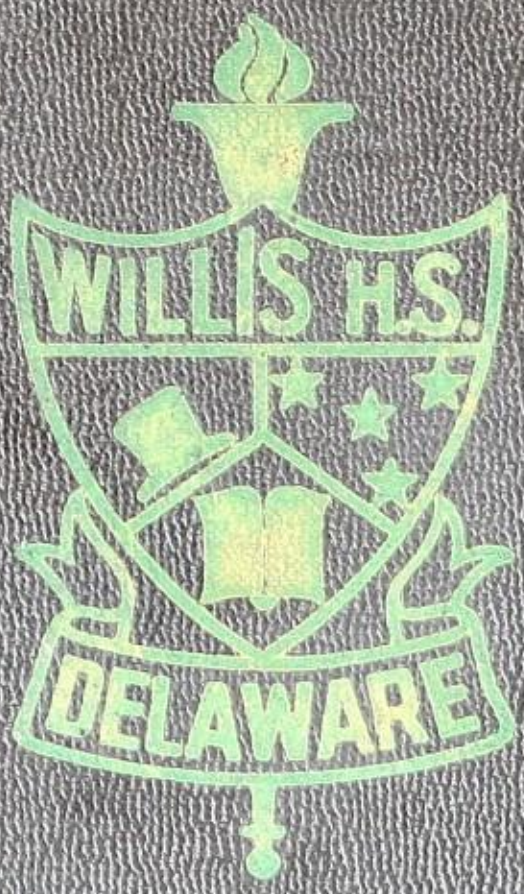

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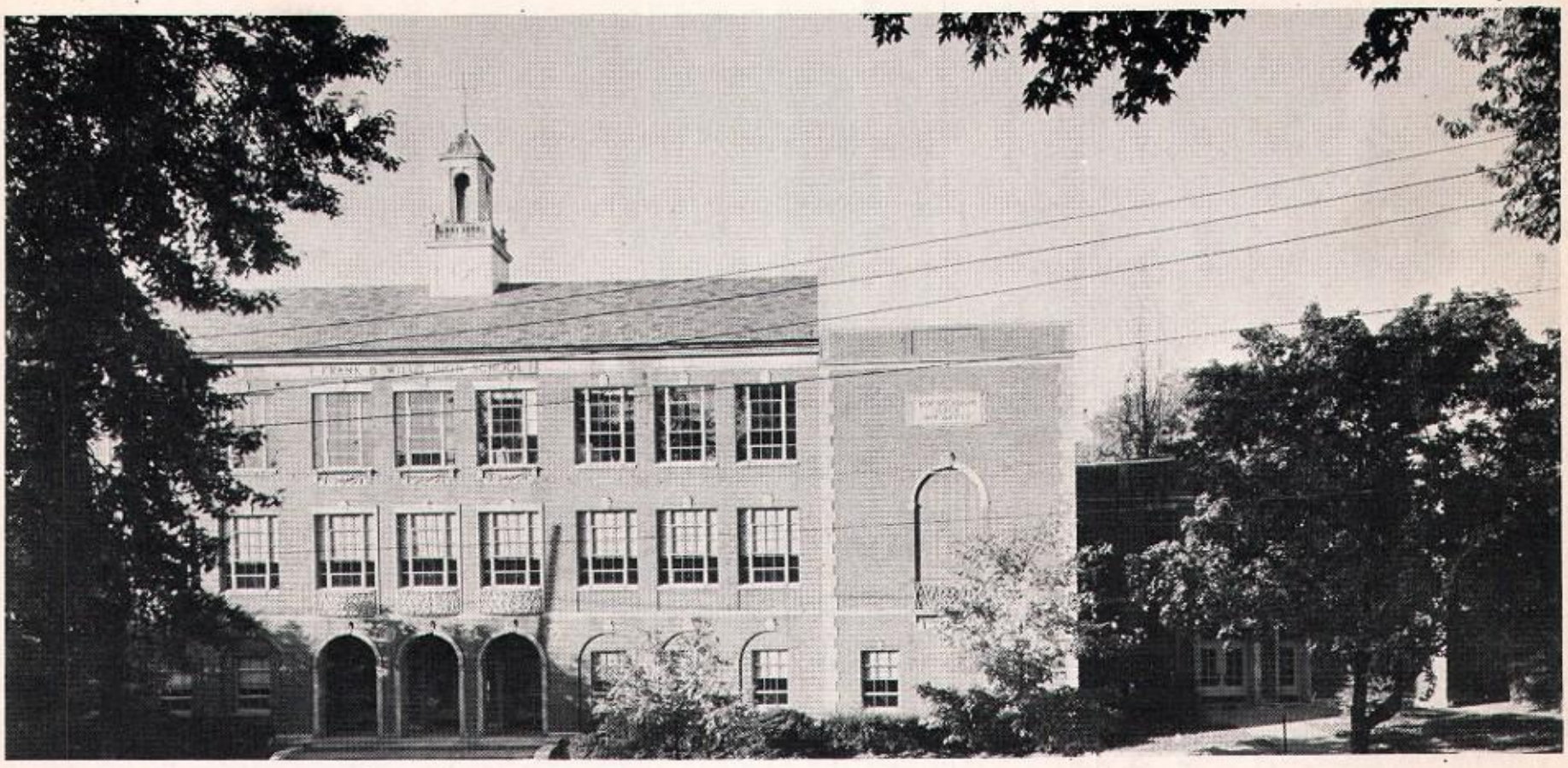


FRANK B. WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL

DELAWARE OHIO

In Memoriam

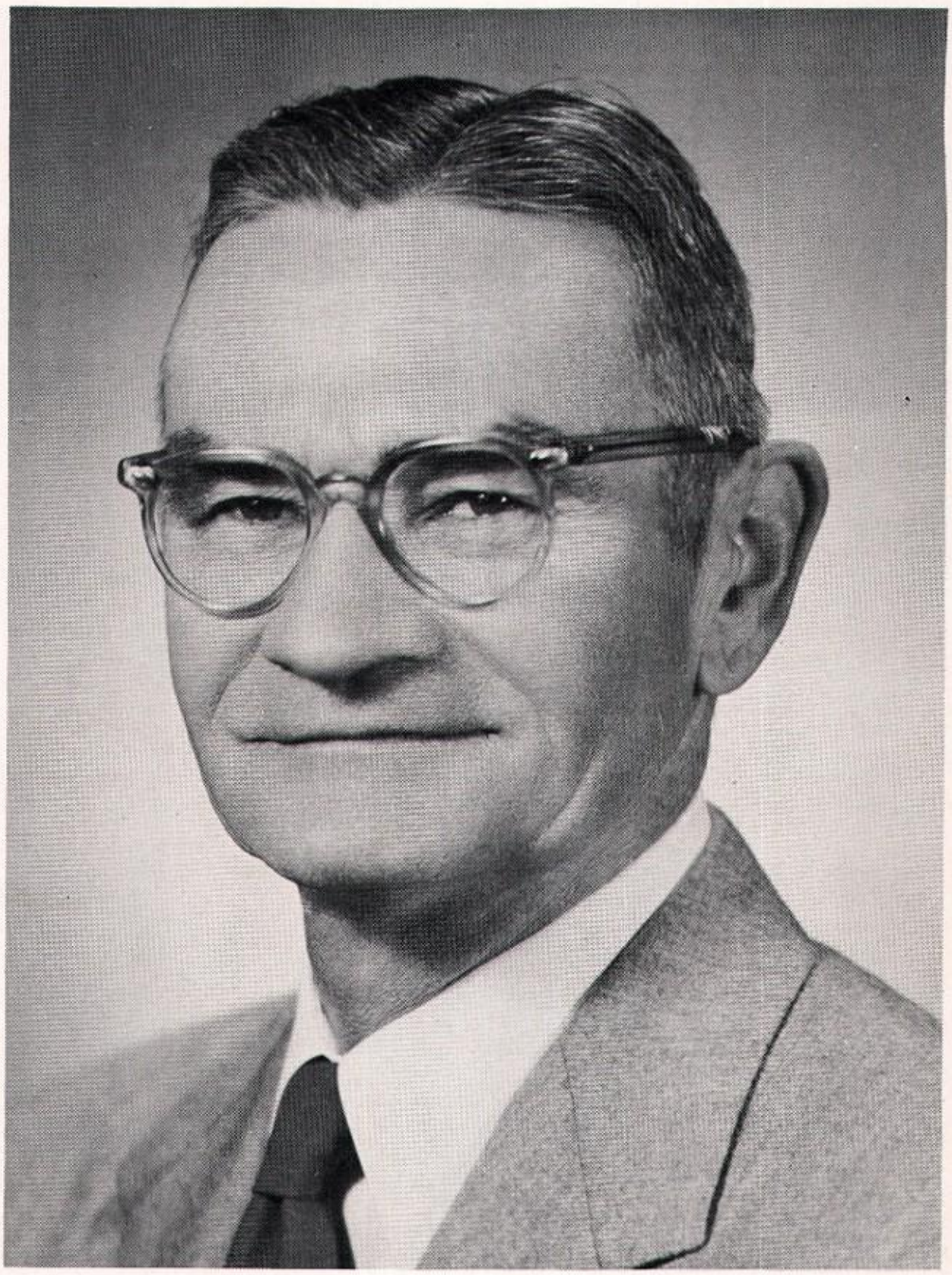
DAVID RAY SMITH

March 22, 1896 — July 16, 1955

Superintendent, Delaware City Schools
1933 - 1955

Teach me that I may teach; and by Thy grace, I pray,
Let me not dim for one the brightness of this day.
Grant me Thy wondrous love that I may touch their souls,
And turn their eager hearts to high and noble goals.

("A Teacher's Morning Prayer" by Anna B. Myers
from the files of Mr. Smith.)



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The 1956 Delhi staff is deeply grateful to the faculty and students of Willis, Cubberly Studio, our advertisers, Gateway Publishing Company, and the Gray Printing Company, who have made this edition of the Delhi possible.

Special thanks goes to Miss Olatha Benson, advisor of the annual.

About fifteen years ago, a senior art class, under the supervision of Mrs. Chester Patingale, spent many days collecting ideas and designing symbols for a school seal. From much planning came a collaboration of the present official school seal.

The torch on the seal is representative of the symbol of learning and the open book, the symbol of knowledge. The top hat stands for the late Senator F. B. Willis, for whom our school is named.

Each year in the high school is represented by a star. The seal has become the official design for class rings and graduation invitations. The staff of the 1956 Delhi proudly displays the seal on the cover of its yearbook.

Oh, we love the Black-eyed Susan,
Tho humble flower it be,
And we'll often make allusion
To the flower whose charms we see;
For fond mem'ries it will kindle,
Nor honor shall it lack,
For it stands as nature's symbol
Of "The Orange and the Black."

In those dear old days of high school,
Drinking at the mystic spring,
Where we lived by gong and schedule
In school-life's enchanted ring,
Clinging to our alma mater,
We shielded from attack,
The banner of our colors,
Of "The Orange and the Black."

When we've won our senior laurels
And our high school days are o'er,
A yearning swells within us,
For the bell we hear no more,
When life's cares shall have enthralled us,
Our hearts will wander back,
To the days when that bell called us,
To "The Orange and the Black."

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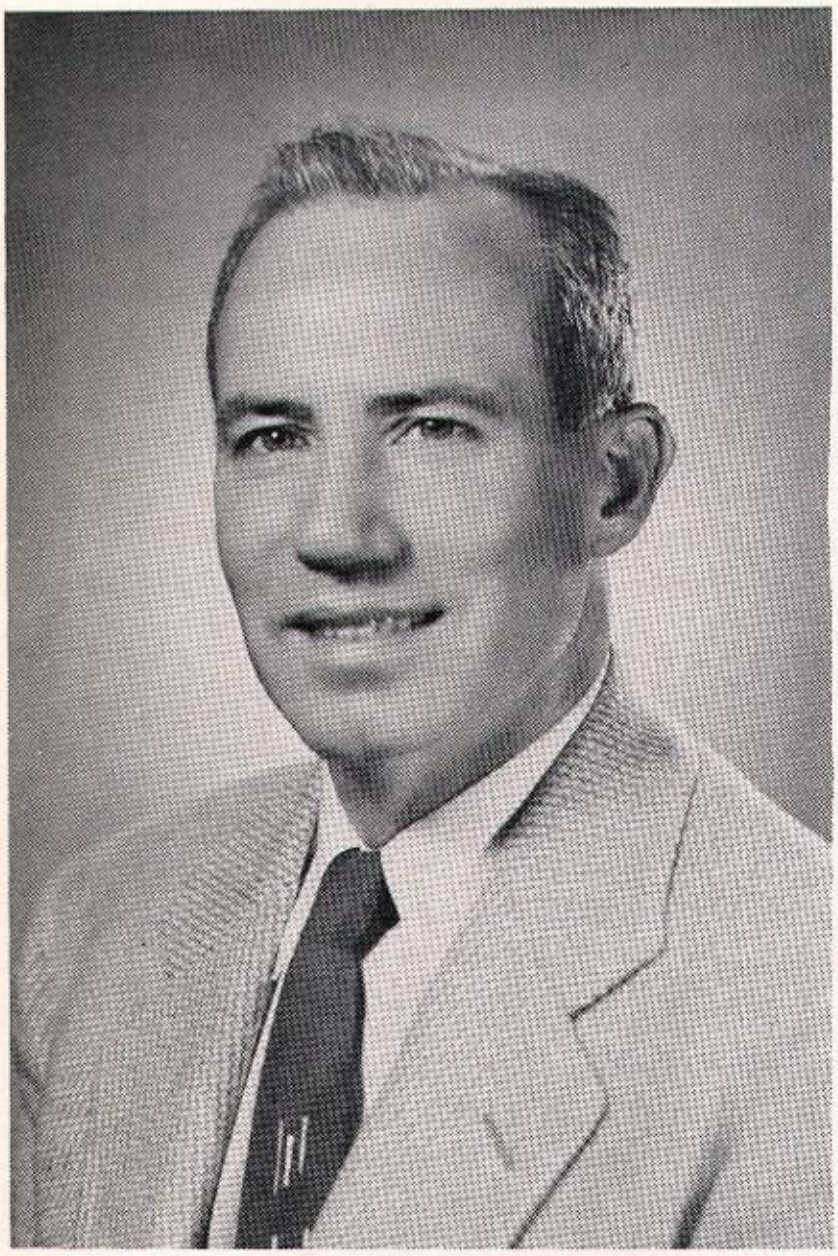


MR. CARL L. HOPKINS

University of Akron, B.E.
Ohio State University, M.A.
Northwestern University
Ohio Wesleyan University

The summer of nineteen hundred fifty-five brought many changes in the Willis High School administrative offices.

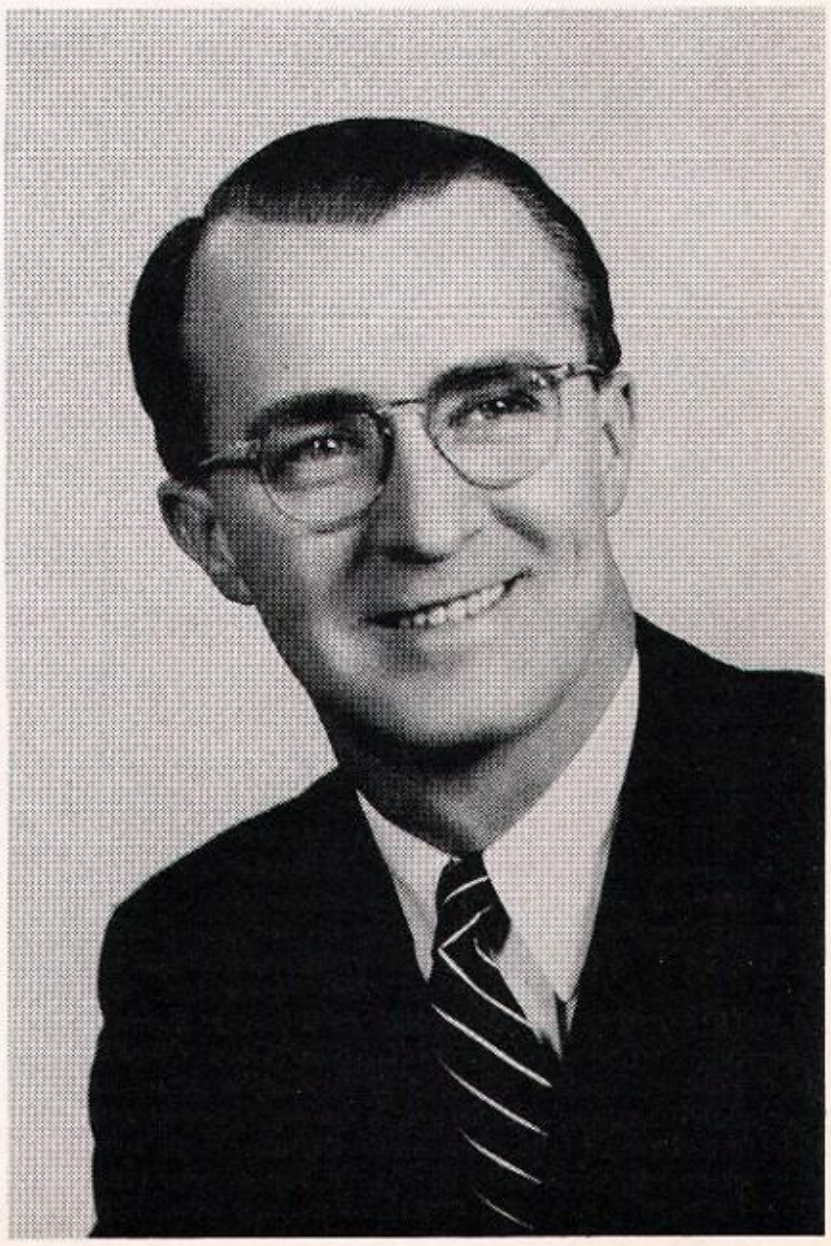
Carl L. Hopkins was elected superintendent of the Delaware City Schools to succeed the late David R. Smith. Mr. Hopkins has been with the Delaware City school system for a number of years, twelve of which he served as Principal of Willis.

Mr. Hopkins has been an active member and leader in Delaware Civic organizations as well as a number of professional organizations of Ohio Schools during the past few years. His professional contacts and his kindness toward the members of his teaching staff will be of paramount value in his achieving success in this new and important position.

MR. THOMAS D. GRAHAM

Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., M.A.

Thomas D. Graham was elected principal of Willis in the summer of nineteen hundred fifty-five to succeed Carl L. Hopkins. Mr. Graham has been a teacher in the Willis science department for twenty-five years. He has been an instructor in the department of education at Ohio Wesleyan University since nineteen hundred forty-three. For a number of years he served as a delegate of the Delaware City Teachers Association to the Ohio Education Association meetings.

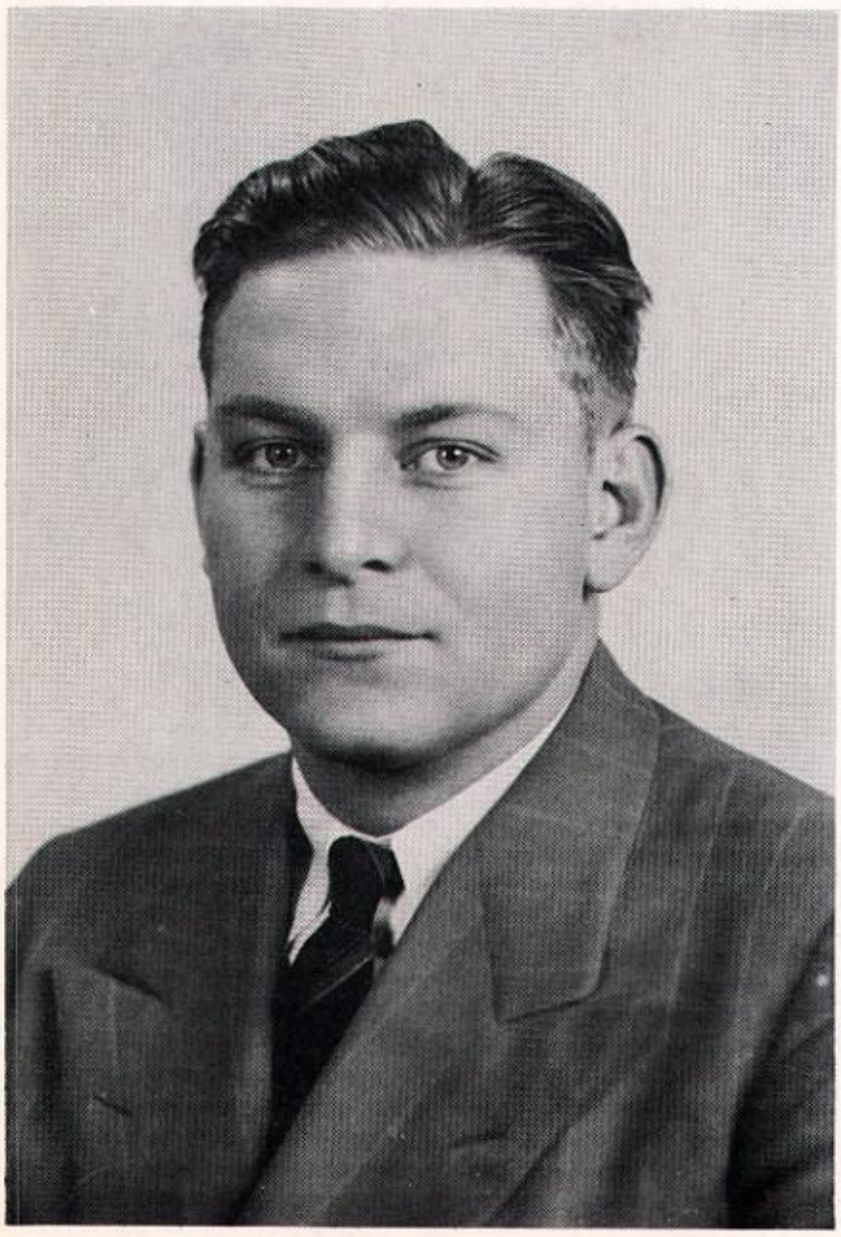


MISS DOROTHY J. WHITTED

Simpson College, B.A.
Ohio State University, M.A.
Senior English and Literature
American Literature

Dorothy Whitted was elected curriculum coordinator of the Delaware City Schools and began her work in that capacity in the fall of nineteen hundred fifty-five.

In addition to clearing the work of assistant principal, she has started on the job of articulating the course of study in all of the Delaware City Schools.



MR. LEN VISCI

Miami University, B.A.
Ohio State University, M.A.
Visual Aids for Willis
Junior High Supervisor
Athletic Department

Leonard Visci is the newly elected Junior High Supervisor at Willis and assumed his duties in the fall of nineteen hundred fifty-five. He is also directing the visual aids program of our school succeeding Thomas Graham.

Mr. Visci had been the assistant principal of Willis Junior High for a number of years.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Left to right: Mrs. Jean Virtue, Clerk; Mr. Harry Humes, Mr. Paul Kissner, Mr. Eugene Peebles, President; Mr. Robert Burns, Vice President; Mr. James Collard, Mr. Carl Hopkins, Superintendent.

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"Where we live by gong and schedule

In school-life's enchanted ring."

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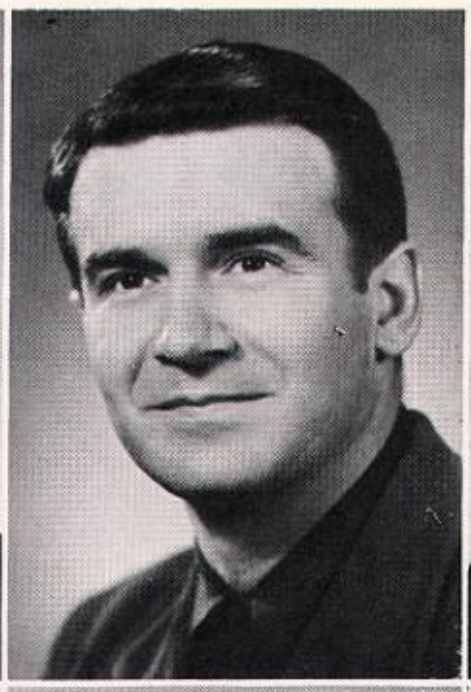

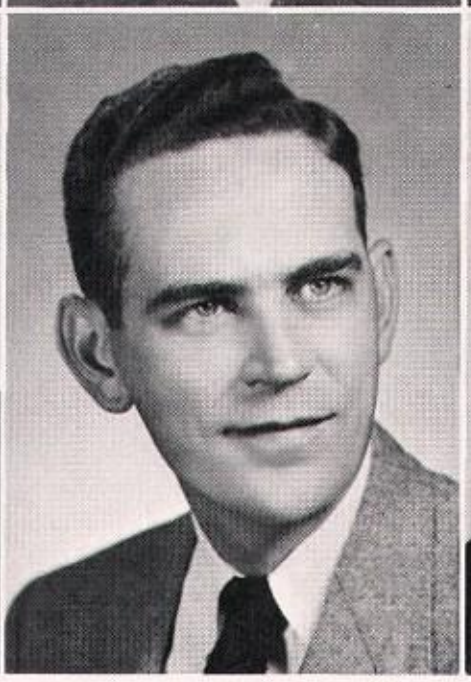

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Bliss College, B.S. in Education, University of Cincinnati; Miami University — Business Education; Bookkeeping, General Business, Delhi Adviser

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MR. DALE BOWMAN
Kent State University, B.S. and M.E.; Lincoln Electric Welding School; Stout Institute—Co-ordinator for Diversified Co-operative Training Program

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Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A. and M.A.; Ohio State University — Modern Languages

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Bowling Green State University, B.S. in Education — Industrial Arts

MR. DELMAR CORNWELL
Muskingum College, B.A.— Science, Driver Training, Head Basketball Coach, Backfield Football and Tennis Coach

MRS. JERALD CORY
Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A. — Home Economics, Eighth Grade Core, American History

MR. RICHARD COYLE
Ohio State University, B.S.— Health and Physical Education, Head Football Coach

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Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.; Bliss College, B.S. — Business Education, Office Machines, Business English

MRS. EARL E. EVANS
Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.–Latin, English, Forensics

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Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A. and M.A.; Ohio State University — Mathematics Algebra I, II, and III, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry

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Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.; Western Reserve University, B.S. in L.S.—Librarian

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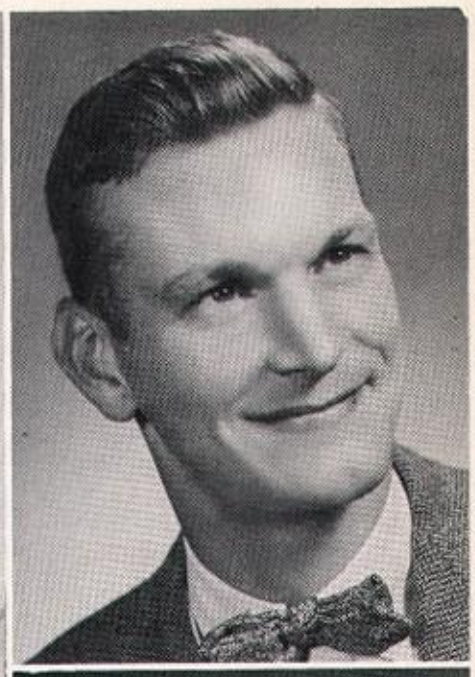

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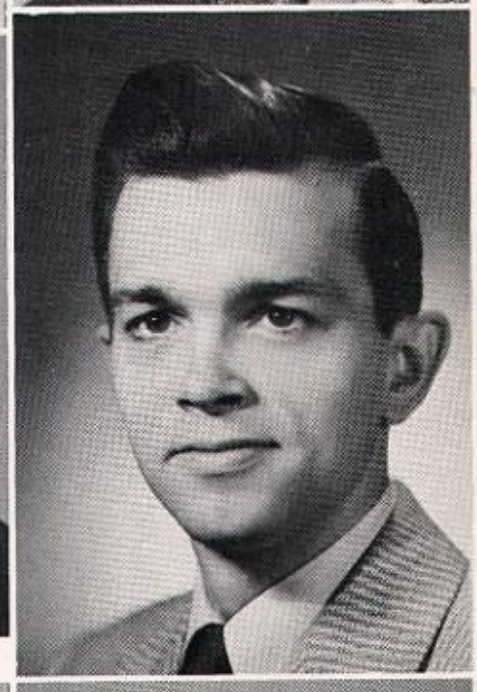

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Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A. Ohio State University, M.A.; Cleveland Art School; International School of Art, Mexico; University of Guatemala.—Art

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Ohio Wesleyan University; Ohio University, B.S. in Education—Junior High Mathematics

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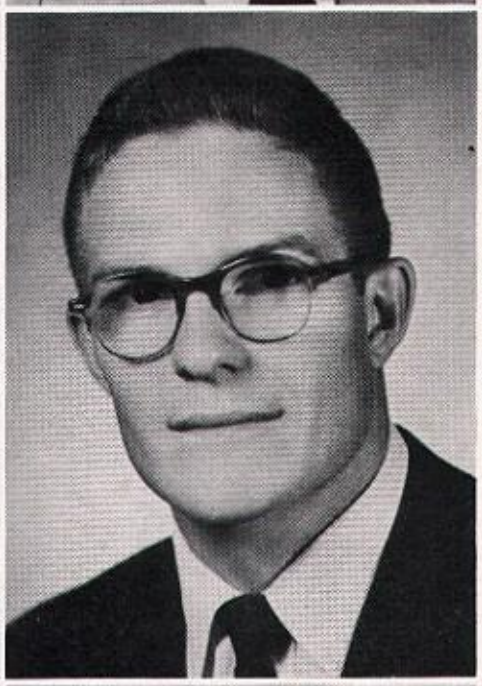

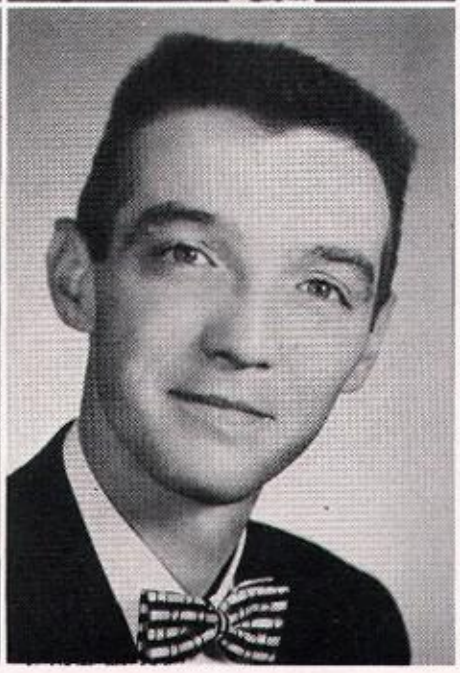

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MISS CAROLYN POLLOCK
Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.; Columbia University; Ohio State University—Junior and Senior High Science

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Ohio State University, B.S. in Education; University of Houston—Physics, Chemistry, Science

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Cincinnati Conservatory of Music; Ohio University, B.S. in Education; Ohio State University, M.A. — Instrumental Music

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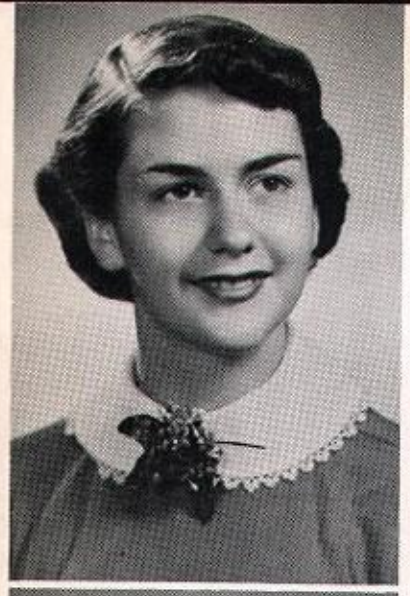
MISS PEARLE L. WELLS
Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.; Ohio State University — Health and Physical Education

MRS. CAROLYN ZIMMERMAN
Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.—Junior English, Junior High Social Studies and Language Arts

"When we've won our senior laurels

And our high school days are o'er."

SENIORS



DONNA ARRINGTON

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review Staff 3; Basketball 1; Gazette Reporter 2; Delaware Diary 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Freshman Girls' Ensemble 1; Freshman Choir 1.

CYNDA BAYLIFF

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Teen Homeroom Representative 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio, Girls 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 3, 4; Rich Man - Poor Man 3, Director; Major - Minor 4; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; National Forensics League 3,4, Treasurer 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Debate 2, 3, 4; Gazette Reporter 4; Delaware Diary 1; Harvey 3, Property Head; Mikado 3; Wildcat Willy 2; Freshman Choir 1; Time Out for Ginger 4; Choral Ensemble 3, 4; Knave of Hearts 1; Prince of Peace 2.

RONALD AZBELL

D.C.T. 4

ROBERT BLACK

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinal 3, Vice President 4; D-Clan 3, 4; Scoreboard Crew 2, Captain 2; Football 3, 4; All C.B.L. 4; Track 2.

SONDRA BAKER

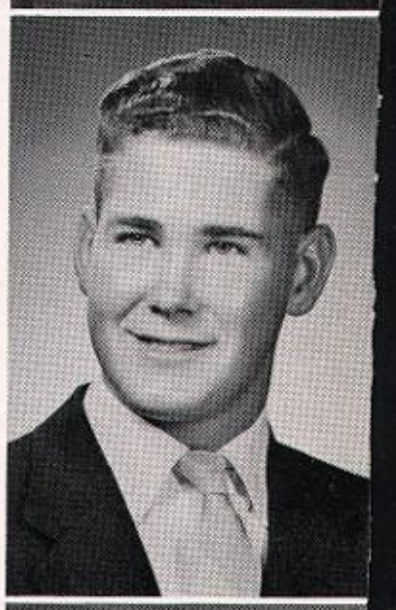
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 3, 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Thespians 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Committee 3; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado 3; Knave of Hearts 1; Freshman Choir 1; Freshman Girls' Ensemble 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4.

SANDRA BLACK

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Committee 3, 4; Recreation Committee 4; Gazette Reporter 2; Mikado 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Knave of Hearts 1; Senior Invitation Committee 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Senior Choir 3,4.

DAVID BARKELOO

Senior Choir 3; French Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Bowling 2; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado 3.



DALE BLACKLEDGE

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 3, 4; Buckeye Boys State 4; F. F. A. Representative to Kansas City Convention 3.

DONALD BARRINGER

Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Boys' Octette 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 1, 2, Vice President 2; Key Club 4; Hi-Y 4; Student Council 3, 4; Delhi Staff 4, Advertising Editor 4; Gazette Reporter 3, 4; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado 3; Freshman Choir 1; Buckeye Boys' State 4; Senior Class President 4; Representative to NSPA Convention in Chicago, 4.

RONALD BONNETTE

Senior Choir 1, 2, 3; D-Clan 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 4; Golf 1, 2, 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Plays 3; Delhi Staff 4; Delaware Diary 1; Harvey 4, Stage Crew 4; Junior Class Executive Committee 3.

CHARLES BORDEN
Baseball 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Spot light crew for football games, 4.

JAMES BOSSERT
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 3, 4; Accompanist 4; Girls' Triple Trio Accompanist, 4; Boys' Octette Accompanist 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 3, 4, President 3; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4, Business Mgr.; Willis Review 3, Asst. Editor; Thespians 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; National Forensics League 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2; Gazette Reporter 2, 4; Delaware Diary 1, Accompanist 1; Arsenic and Old Lace Crew 1; Harvey 3; Mikado Accompanist 3; Booth Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Freshman Choir 1; Choral Ensemble Director 3, 4; Freshman Plays Director 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Time Out for Ginger crew 4; Knave of Hearts 1.

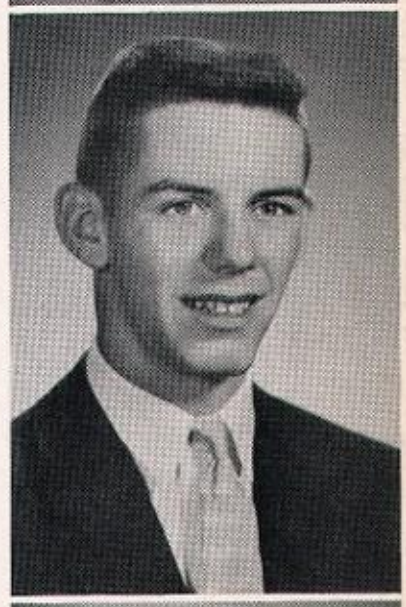
FRANK BOSTER, JR.
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 3; Senior Choir 3, 4; Boys' Octette 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2; Popular Music Club 2; Mikado 3.

LLOYD BOWEN
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Thespians 3, 4; Track 1; Freshman Plays 3; Baseball Manager 1.

CLARA BOYER
W-Teens 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 4; Bowling 1, 4.

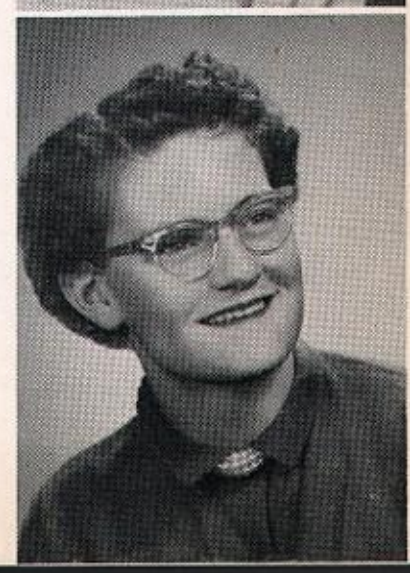
MARIE BUCKLEW
Transferred from Marion, Ohio in sophomore year. F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 4; Bowling 4.

ROSALEE BUCKLEW
Transferred from Marion, Ohio in sophomore year. F.H.A. 2, 3, 4.



JOHN BURNS
D-Clan 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Basketball 1; Latin Club 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, vice President ; Student Council 4; Recreation Committee 3; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 4; Light Crew 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Booth and Stage Crew 2, 3, 4.

MARLENE CALL
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3; Baseball 2, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4, Chairman 3, 4; Sports Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Recreation Committee 2.



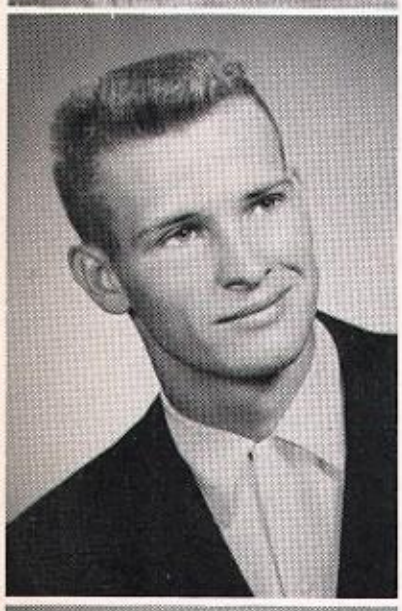
LINDA CHASE
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Committee 3, 4; Delaware Diary 1, Freshman Choir 1.

WILLIAM COLWELL

Football 1, 2; Print Crew 1, 2; Industrial Arts Club 2.

BETTY COOVER

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio, Girls 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; Social Chairman 4; Student Council 4; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 3, 4; National Forensics League 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 4; Bowling 1, 2; Gazette Reporter 3, 4; Delaware Diary 1, Harvey 3; Mikado 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Time Out For Ginger 4; Freshman Play Director 3; Freshman Choir 1.



LOWELL CRANK

D-Clan 3, 4; Football 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 3, 4.

JEAN CRIST

W-Teens 1, 2, 4; F.H.A. 4; Latin Club 1, 2; National Forensics League 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Bowling 1, 2; Gazette Reporter 3.

RICHARD CROSE

Senior Choir 1, 2, 3; Boys Octette 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Tennis 4; Baseball 1; French Club 3, 4; Vice President 3; Social Chairman 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Vice President 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Recreation Committee 1; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 3, 4; Delaware Diary 1; Arsenic and Old Lace 2; Crew Head 2; Harvey 3; Mikado 3; Track 1; Stage Crew 2, 3; Time Out For Ginger 4; Choral Ensemble 3, 4; Wildcat Willie 2; Freshman Choir.

VIRGINIA DAVENPORT

W-Teens 4; F.H.A. 4; Popular Music Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 4; Delaware Diary 1.

ELIZABETH DIXON

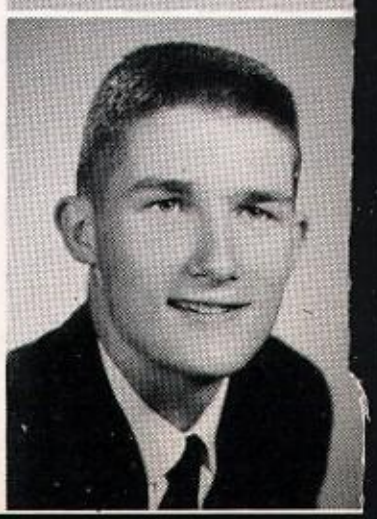
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 3, 4; W-Teen Home Room representative 1; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio, Girls 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; President 1, 2; French Club 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Vice President 4; Student Council 1, 4; Delhi Editor 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; National Forensics League 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 2, 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 3, 4; Delaware Diary; Arsenic and Old Lace crew 2; Harvey 3; Mikado; Choral Ensemble 3, 4; Wildcat Willie 1; Royal Family 3; Junior Class Vice President 3; Time Out For Ginger 4; Freshman Choir 1; Prince of Peace 1, 2, 3; Knave of Hearts 1; Co-Chairman Program Com. W-Teens 3; Freshman Plays 3.

JULIA DRAKE

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio, Girls 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 3, 4; Delhi Staff 3, 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2; Bowling 1, 2; Recreation Committee 2; Gazette reporter 4; Delaware Diary; Harvey crew 2; Mikado 3; Knave of Hearts 1; Freshman Choir 1; Senior Class Secretary 4; Senior Choir Accompanist 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Freshman Plays Director 3; Time Out For Ginger 4; Choral Ensemble 2, 3, 4.

MARY LOU DUNHAM

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 3, 4; Latin Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 1; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 1; Sports Committee 2, 3, 4; Captain 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Basketball for the Sports Committee 4.

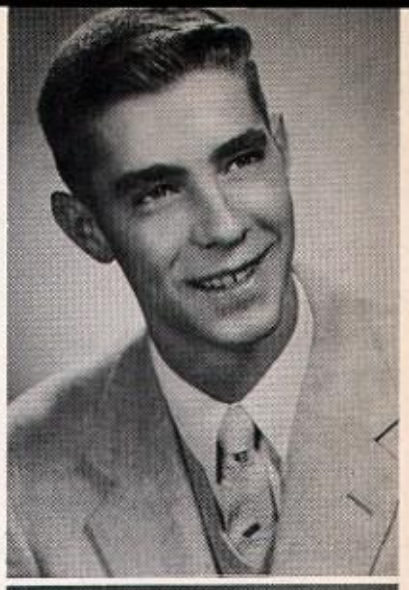


BURTON EASTERDAY

Spanish Club 2; Popular Music Club 1, 2; V.I.C. 4; Print Crew 1, 2, 3; Industrial Arts Club 2, 3.

JOHN ELLIOTT

Latin Club 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee Club 4; Student Council 4; Delhi Staff 4; National Forensics League 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4; Gazette Reporter 3, 4; Harvey crew 3; Mikado crew 3; Time Out for Ginger 4; Shutterbugs 2, 3, 4; Student Council Committee Chairman 4; Freshman Plays 3; Baseball 3; Extemp 4; Senior Class Vice-President 4; Search Light Crew 4; Future Scientists of America 4; Thespians 4.



WILLIAM GRAHAM

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 4; D-Clan 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Vice-President 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman Program Committee 4; Student Council 2, 4; Student Body President 4; Thespians 2, 3; National Forensics League 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 3, 4; Gazette Reporter 4; Junior Class Treasurer 3; Original Oratorical Declamation 3, 4; Prince of Peace 2, 3; Knave of Hearts 1; Wildcat Willie 2.

LYNN EVANS

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 4; W-Teens Homeroom representative 1, 2, 4; Co-Chairman of Underprivileged children 3; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio, Girls 4; Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 3, 4; Freshman Plays 3; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; National Forensics League 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 3, 4; Delaware Diary 1; Senior Class Treasurer 4; Choral Ensemble 4; Harvey crew 3; Mikado crew 3; Freshman Choir 1; F.T.A. 2, 4; Time Out for Ginger crew 4; Wildcat Willie 2; Knave of Hearts 1.

SANDRA GREEN

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Wilis Review 3; National Forensics League 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2; Bowling 1, 2; Gazette Reporter 2, 3; Delaware Diary 1; Freshman Choir 1, F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Freshman Forensics 1.

GEORGIANA FLESHMAN

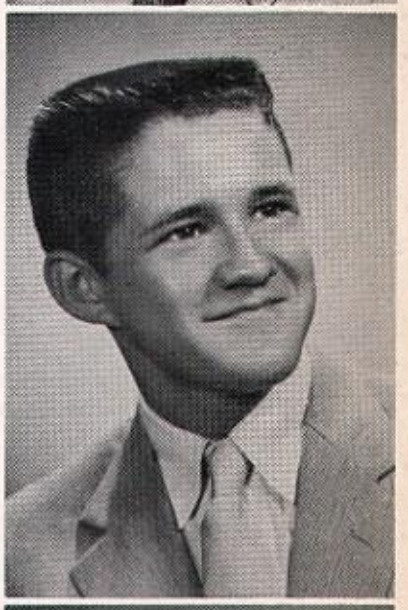
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Popular Music Club 2, 3; Youth for Christ Club 3, 4; Tennis 3; Baseball 2; Volleyball 2; Bowling 3.

FRED GRUBBS

(Transferred in Junior Year from Stoco High School, Coal City, West Virginia)
Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 4; Senior Choir 2, 4; Senior Chorus 3; Boys' Octette 4; Latin Club 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 2; Youth for Christ Club 4; Harvey stage crew 4; Mikado 4; Freshman plays 3; West Virginia All-State Chorus 2; F.T.A. 4; Major Minor Music Club 4.

PHYLLIS FOSTER

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tennis 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 2, 3, 4; Debate 2; Gazette Reporter 4; Popular Music Club 3.



KENNY HAGELGANS

Band 4; Pep Band 4.

DIANE GORSUCH

W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review Staff 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1; Gazette Reporter 2, 4; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado crew 3; Freshman Choir 1; Delegate to Buckeye Girl's State 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Knave of Hearts 1; Freshman Forensics 1; Time Out For Ginger crew 4.

SCOTT HAMILTON

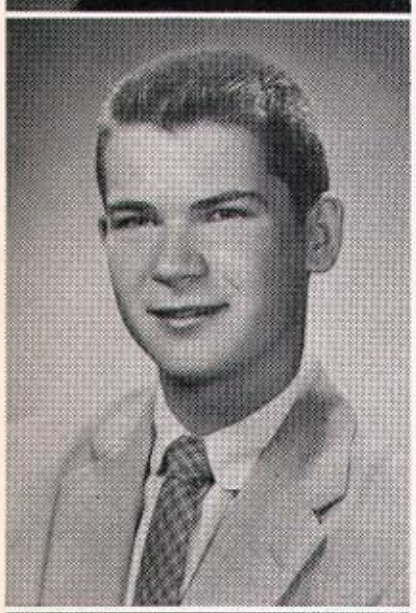
Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2.

DOUGLAS HAMPTON
(Transferred in Junior Year from Coal City, W. Va.)
Football 1, 2; Baseball 2; Popular Music Club 3; Industrial Arts Club 3; Game Club 2.

AARON HURSEY
Senior Choir 2; Senior Chorus 1, 3, 4; Popular Music Club 3; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado 3.

MARIAM HASTY
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Chairman 4; Reserve Cheerleader 1, 2; Captain 2; Spanish Club 1, 2; Willis Review 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Bowling 1, 2, 3; Sports Committee 2, 3, 4; Chairman 4; Delaware Diary 1.

DONALD JACCAUD
French Club 3; Spanish Club 2, 4; Popular Music Club 2; Delaware Diary 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Special Choir 1.

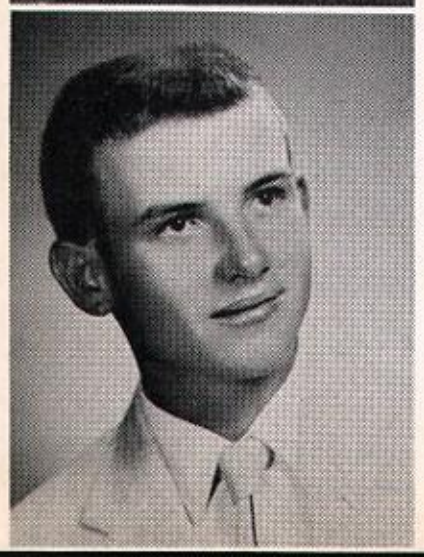


LARRY HAUSE
Band 1, 2; Senior Choir 3, 4; Boys' Octette 4; D-Clan 2, 3, 4; Scoreboard Crew 4; Golf 1, 2, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Recreation Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 3; Mikado 3; Choral Ensemble 4.

KAREN KERN
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 4; W-Teen Homeroom Representative 1; Senior Choir 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Basketball 2; Co-Captain 4; Tennis 1; Baseball 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Mikado 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; Freshman Choir 1.

ELIZABETH HOBBS
(Transferred from Warsaw, Indiana in Junior year)
W-Teens 4; F.H.A. 1, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 2, 3; F.T.A. 4; Girl's Athletic Association 2, 3; Sub-deb 3.

JOANNE KOFOED
(Transferred from St. Petersburg, Florida in Junior year)
W-Teens 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Latin Club 1; Spanish Club 3, 4; President 4; Freshman Plays 3; Gazette Reporter 4; Harvey crew 3; Mikado crew 3; Time Out For Ginger student director 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Pan American Club 1, 2; Thespians 4.



WILLIAM HOUCK
(Transferred from Piketon, Ohio in Sophomore year)
Spanish Club 2; Bowling 3; Industrial Arts Club 3, 4.

BERNICE LADD
W-Teens 1; F.H.A. 4; Senior Chorus 4; Popular Music Club 2; Delaware Diary 1; Freshman Special Choir 1; Girl's Glee Club 4.

DONALD LOBDELL
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; Student Advisor 4.

MILDRED MADISON
W-Teens 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Baseball 4; Volleyball 4.

GEORGE MARBURGER
Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; D-Clan 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Golf 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Lieutenant Governor of Ohio 3; President 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Plays 3; Student Council 1, 3, 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; National Forensic League 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth For Christ 2; Debate 3; Recreation Committee 1; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Class President 3; Gazette Reporter 4; Light Crew 2; Delaware Diary 1; Arsenic and Old Lace 2; Harvey 3; Mikado 3; Track 1, 3, 4; Booth and Stage Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Booth Manager; Freshman Choir 1; Boys' State 4; Knave of Hearts 1.

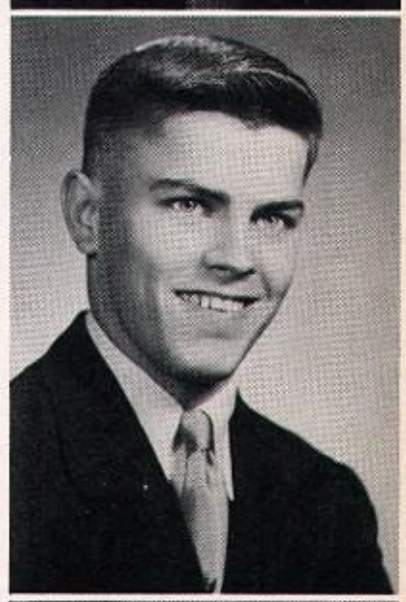
SARAH MARKS
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Basketball 2; Tennis 1; Volleyball 1; Bowling 1; Recreation Committee 2; Gazette Reporter 4; Delaware Diary crew 1; Arsenic and Old Lace crew 2; Harvey crew 3; Mikado crew 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Library 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 4.

JAY McMILLEN
(Transferred from Olentangy in Junior year)
Popular Music Club 1; V.I.C. 4; Industrial Arts Club 3; Photograph Club 2, 3.

LINDA MELVIN
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Teen Homeroom representative 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Plays 3; Latin Club 1, 2; Student Council 4; Willis Review 3; Basketball 1, 2; Tennis 1; Jr. Class Exec. Comm. 3; Harvey crew 3; Student Body Secretary 4; Junior Class Secretary 3; Science Fair 4.

KENNETH MORRIS
French Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; President 2; F.T.A. 3, 4; Historian 4.

JAMES MURFIELD
Radio Club 3, 4; Print Crew 2, 3, 4; Manager 1, 2, 3; Industrial Arts Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3.



THOMAS MURFIELD
D-Clan 4; Football 3, 4; Popular Music Club 1; Bowling 1, 3; Industrial Arts Club 3.

THELMA MYERS
W-Teens 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 1, 2; Tennis 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 3; Bowling 1, 3.

JANET O'NEAL
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 4; Junior Music Club 2, 3; Willis Review Staff 3; Gazette Reporter 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4.

SUSAN PARKER
(Transferred from North Olmsted in Sophomore year)
W-Teens 3, 4; Secretary 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Captain 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Homecoming Court 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 3, 4; Harvey crew 3; G.A.A. 1, 2; Friendship club 2; Cheerleader 1; Glee Club 1; Field Hockey 1; Baseball 1; F.T.A. 3, 4; Treasurer 4.

JANET PATRICK
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Program Chairman 4; W-Girls 4; W-Teen Homeroom Representative 2, 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2; Co-Captain 3; French Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review Staff 2, 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Tennis 3; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 4; Delaware Diary 1; Arsenic and Old Lace crew 2; Mikado crew 3; Freshman Choir 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Freshman Plays 3.

ROSILYN PIATT
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; W-Girls 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3; Sports Committee 3, 4; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Delaware Diary 1; Arsenic and Old Lace crew 2; Mikado 3; Freshman Choir 1, F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Time Out For Ginger crew 4.

WILLIAM POOL
V.I.C. 4; Secretary 4; Print Crew 1, 2; Industrial Arts Club 2.

LINDA RARDON
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4.

RACHEL REANEY
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Chairman 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls Triple Trio 4; French Club 2; Spanish 1, 2; Secretary 1; Junior Class Plays 3; Junior Music Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; National Forensics League 3, 4; Bowling 1; Gazette Reporter 4; Delaware Diary 1; Arsenic and Old Lace 2; Harvey 3; Mikado 3; Knave of Hearts 1; Time Out for Ginger crew 4; Freshman Girls Chorus 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4.

NANCY RINKER
W-Teens 1, 2, 3; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2; Bowling 1, 2.

LARRY ROSS
D-Clan 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Hi-Y 1; Popular Music Club 1; Recreation Committee 1, 2; Track 1; Industrial Arts Club 2; Vice-President 2.

JOYCE ROBINSON
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Delaware Diary 1; Freshman Choir Accompanist 1; Freshman Plays crew 3; Bowling 1; Mikado 3; Gazette Reporter 4; Junior Class Plays, Tennis 4.

JOYCE ROYER
W-Teens 1; French Club 3; Spanish Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Gazette Reporter 4; Delaware Diary 1; Freshman Choir 1.

DONALD RUPE
V.I.C. 4; Reporter.

FERN SCHNEES
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Popular Music Club 1, 2.

TED SHACKELFORD
F.F.A. 4; D-Clan 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Key Club 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; Recreation Committee 4; President 4; Track 3.

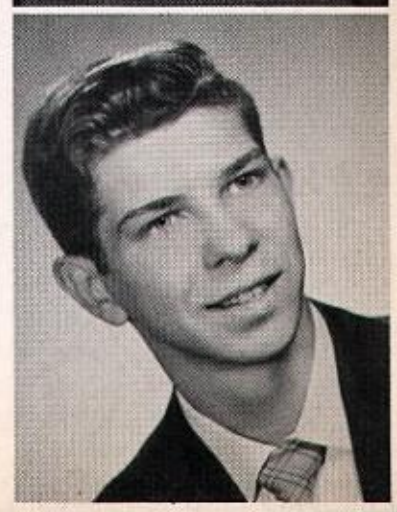
JERRY SHIVELY
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 3; V.I.C. 4; Treasurer 4.

BECKY SMITH
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Majorette 4; French Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; Secretary 3; Junior Class Plays 3; Junior Music Club 3, 4; Gazette Reporter 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4.

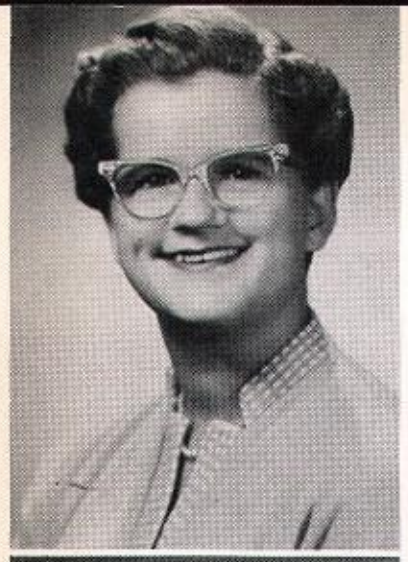
MARSHA SMITH
(Transferred from Hyatts in Sophomore year)
W-Teens 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Bowling 3, 4; Sports Committee 4; F.T.A. 4.

EMMA SNYDER
W-Teens 3, 4; W-Girls 4; F.H.A. 4; Popular Music Club 1, 2, 4; Chairman 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Tennis 3, 4; Baseball 2; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Bowling 3, 4.

JOYCE SOUTHARD
(Transferred from Sarasota, Florida in Sophomore year)
W-Teens 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Junior Class Plays crew 3; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Gazette Reporter 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Time Out For Ginger crew 4.



BEN STEVENS
Latin Club 1, 2; Key Club 1; Hi-Y 1; V.I.C. 3, 4; President 4.

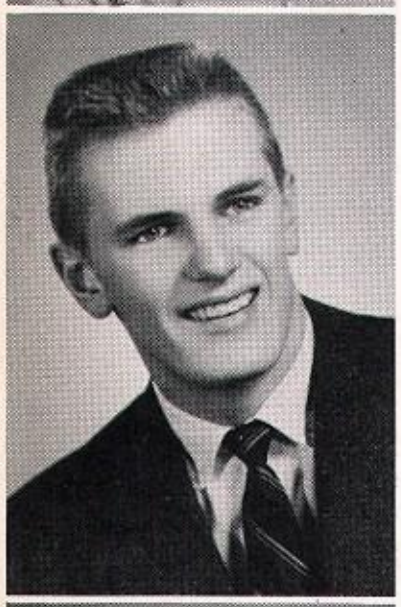


GRACE STEWART
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Teen Homeroom representative 1, 2, 4; Popular Music Club 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Delaware Diary 1.

NANCY TORRENCE
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 2; Volleyball 3; Sports Committee 4; Secretary 4; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado 3; F.T.A. 4.

SHIRLEY STILES
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Teen Homeroom representative 4; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls Triple Trio 4; Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 4; Social Chairman 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Volleyball 2; Gazette Reporter 4; Delaware Diary 1; Arsenic and Old Lace crew 2; Harvey crew 3; Mikado 3; Major Minor Music Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Knave of Hearts 1; Freshman Choir 1; Choral Ensemble; Baseball 2.

HELEN UFFERMAN
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Teen Homeroom representative 2; Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4; Drum Major 4; Girls Triple Trio Bowling 3; Recreation Committee 3; Gazette 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Reporter 4; Delaware Diary 1; Mikado 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; President 4; Freshman Choir 1; Time Out For Ginger crew 3.



JOHN BOB TALLEY
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Choir 3, 4; Boys Octette 3; D-Clan 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3; Spanish Club 1, 2; Key Club 4; Student Council 4; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Mikado 3.

NATALIE WALDIE
(Transferred from Worthington in freshman year)
Latin Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; National Forensics League 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; Volleyball 3; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4.

SANDRA TAPP
W-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; W-Girls 3, 4; Senior Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Girls Triple Trio 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Delhi Staff 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Thespians 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Committee 3, 4; Junior Class Executive Committee 3; Delaware Diary 1; Harvey crew 3; Mikado 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Time Out For Ginger crew 4.

CAROL WARD
W-Teens 4; F.H.A. 4; Popular Music Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Bowling 1.

WALTER THOMSON
Senior Choir 2, 3, 4; Boys Octette 3, 4; D-Clan 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Delhi Staff 4; Willis Review 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; President 4; Recreation Committee 3; Gazette Reporter 4; Arsenic and Old Lace 2; Harvey 3; Mikado 3; Spot Light Crew 4; Freshman Choir 1; Choral Ensemble 3, 4; Time Out For Ginger 4; F.T.A. 4; Knave of Hearts 1.

LARRY WINE
F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Recorder 3; Sentinel 4; Golf 2; Bowling 2; F.F.A. Representative for Special Out of Town Meetings 3, 4.

DORA WINSHIP
F.H.A. 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; Popular Music Club 1, 2, 4; Delhi Staff 4.

NOT PICTURED:
George Byus
Alain Cavania
Dale Campbell
George Converse
Lester Hill
Sandra Jervis
Donald Johns
Eugene Jordan
William Paynter
Ed Radugge
Arlyn Ramey
Barbara Sovereen
Howard Stephenson
Donald Stevens

SENIOR CLASS COMMITTEES

Left to right: Seated — L. Evans, J. Elliott, D. Barringer, J. Drake. Row 2 — Mr. Felts, Miss Bussard, E. Dixon, J. Southard, S. Tapp, F. Schnees, R. Piatt, S. Black, J. Royer, H. Ufferman, J. Kofoed, D. Jaccaud, D. Gorsuch, Miss Benson, Mrs. Hearn, Mr. Graham. Row 3 — W. Paynter, J. Burns, R. Crose, D. Barkeloo, D. Blackledge, L. Hause, S. Hamilton, K. Morris, C. Borden

SENIOR HISTORY

We have reached it — graduation day is ours. Another milestone of life has been attained. Six years have passed since we first entered Willis High School as green little seventh graders. In comparison with the years to come, these six years were quite short. Memories are all that remain of our wonderful days of high school. Some of these memories are very happy while others are sad. Six years ago we regarded Willis happily as we anticipated the good times we would have. The past six years have certainly lived up to these expectations.

Do you remember the seventh grade? Willis was a gigantic building that year. The first couple of days we had a lot of trouble finding rooms. After a while, however, we began to recognize new faces and the whole affair of being in high school started to be lots of fun. This year marked the beginning of a new type of junior high teaching program, the core program. We were glad to stay in one room half the day with a teacher we could really call our own. This first year found our main interest in scholastic affairs. Many of our fellow classmates made the honor and merit rolls. Naturally we found time for the numerous extra-curricular activities which were already beginning to fill up our schedules. The "rec" became a favorite meeting place of all the gang. We had a voice in the Student Representative Assembly (S.R.A.) — even if it was but a little one. The club program added much to our first year at Willis. The girls joined the newly formed Junior Y-Teens while the boys joined the Junior Hi-Y. Although the activities of the clubs were limited, they helped us to achieve a higher degree of responsibility and leadership.

Time passed quickly and already we were storing up a wealth of memories for the future. Our eighth grade found us becoming the leaders instead of followers. We were old hands at the school — we even showed the younger pupils around the school. This year was really one of adventure for us. We continued to have a hand in school government. A Junior High S.R.A. was formed and we had our own Junior High Student Body President. With the aid of our core teachers, we started the Olympiad. The stadium at Community Field was transformed into the stadium at Helsinki, Finland, with all its pageantry. Remember how the girls insisted upon carrying those mammoth flags around the field? The boys were content to watch them suffer it out. Another first for our class was the Junior High newspaper, the *Livewire*. We had an opportunity to participate in more worthwhile clubs. We had an excellent club program. Everything from nature study to cheerleading was offered. Through the various clubs we met new friends and continued old friendships. A highlight of the year was the first Junior High Open House. The operetta club presented *Over Mountain, River and Plain,* and the dramatics club, *Not Quite Such a Goose.* There were also displays showing the activities of the various clubs and cores. A one-act play, *The Knave of Hearts,* was started during our eighth grade, but was not given until the ninth grade. The first junior high yearbook was published and appropriately called *The Panther.* The first awards assembly was held that year and many of our pupils made that long trip up the aisle to receive their awards. A Junior High Girls Ensemble entertained. Our athletic program improved this year with the winning of the Central Buckeye League football championship. Many of us showed our school spirit by attending every game — both home and away. The high stepping Willis Band included a sizable group of eighth graders. The biggest rivalry of the century was the eighth grade feud between 102 and 209. Tests and sports made these two classes always in competition. The hatchet was buried during a picnic at Blue Limestone Lake following the Olympiad.

The long awaited moment of officially being in high school started with our Freshman year. This was our first year to be in homerooms by alphabetical order. It was also our first year to change classes every period. The fellows had their first opportunity to participate in the high school athletic program, while the girls began their sports program. Our first formal was held on November 19. Everyone looked extra nice and the dance was one always to be remembered. Some of the boys interested in agriculture joined the Future Farmers of America. Doing this, they braved the worst ordeal of all — the initiation. F. F. A. initiations are long to be remembered by anybody participating in them. Our boys were no different. They were mighty sore the next day but wore triumphant smiles and beautiful blue F. F. A. jackets. The main club for girls was W-Teens; for the boys, Hi-Y and Key Club. Some of the girls decided to try their hand at home economics and joined the Future Homemakers, a newly-formed group. During that year we had a choir composed entirely of freshmen. The formation of a reserve basketball team for the boys brought about the need for freshman cheerleaders. Our voice in school affairs was main-

tained by elected representatives to the S. R. A.

Remember the spring of our freshman year when the combined choirs and the dramatics department of Willis presented the *Delaware Diary*? This musical was the school's contribution to Ohio's sesquicentennial. Our freshman choir was chosen to depict a scene from the old one-room school house, and the scene was called "The Three R's." It was lots of work but will long be remembered by those who participated in it. Some of the boys joined the newly-formed Print Crew. The crew took over the big job of printing the Delaware Diary programs and many other printing jobs throughout our four years of high school. This group of hard-working fellows performed a real service for us and the school.

Our sophomore year was also very eventful. For some fourteen members of our class, a big moment was the initiation into Thespians. The ceremony was held during an assembly for the whole school. It was indeed very exciting when they were "tapped" by a member of the Thespian Society.

As Latin became harder, numerous students obtained a translation called a pony. Often they felt they would not make it through the class without the help of those tiny masterpieces. They really rode through Latin on a pony.

Our Junior year was filled with many money making projects. Our first item was a car wash. Several of these car washes were held before school started in the fall. After school began we sold pens, wrapping paper, and peanuts. Several dinners and dances were given in order to increase the class treasury, so that we might finance the annual Junior-Senior banquet and prom.

Finally the time for the Junior-Senior arrived and members of the elected Executive Committee of the class went to the Memorial Union Building on the Ohio Wesleyan University Campus to order the menu, while others worked on the decorations and selected an orchestra. The theme, "Over the Rainbow," was carried out with colorful floral decorations, and the appointments for our guests represented the "pots of gold" at the end of our make-believe rainbow. In the ballroom the formals of the girls blended with the color scheme to make the MUB look indeed as if it were one large rainbow. Remember all the fun we had after the dance at our own junior party at the Moose? Our mothers worked so hard to provide a nice party for us and it was indeed a success. Many members of our class took an active part in the many extra-curricular activities during the year. Some continued their dramatic careers and appeared in *Harvey*, a play given in the fall, and *The Mikado*, the spring operetta. These productions took a lot of effort but everyone will always remember the fun it was being Helen Hayes or Maurice Evans for a night. The speech class gave some of us a chance at the directing end of a play. Three one-act plays starring freshman actors were produced in assembly.

We had our try at American Literature, a class long to be remembered—our first term papers, hard tests, and just plain work. Most of us felt that the study habits we learned in this class were very applicable to our other classes. This year was tops in sports for us. The football, baseball, and tennis teams all won first place in the CBL. The basketball team finished mid-way in the league. Our fellows had a part in making this year's sports a year to be remembered. More and more of the boys joined the ranks of letter-winners and proudly displayed a big "D" on white letter sweaters. We were represented across the state and nation this year, too. Some of our F.F.A. boys went to Kansas City to the National F.F.A. Convention. We really envied them, missing all that school. Four of the fellows and one girl were chosen to represent the school at Buckeye Boy's and Girl's States, held in June, a real honor.

Senior year, the one which we'd waited for so long, finally began. First day we were assigned to homerooms and assembly seats—the honored ones down front. What a thrill it was to be able to leave the auditorium first when the student body president said, "Seniors." That one word was enough to bring tears to the eyes of many pupils when they thought that this would be the last year that we would be leaving the auditorium as students of Willis High School. The year brought its privileges, too. We were the presidents of the clubs and had the main responsibility of helping to run the school. That over-awed expression on the faces of the junior high pupils was directed at us. Some were even lucky enough to take Diversified Co-operative Training Program—school in the morning, work in the afternoon. That was the life! As the classes began in earnest, we decided we would not have an easy time during our senior year. Our class was honored to have Jack McCloughan, an exchange teacher from Sydney, Australia, as our teacher in Problems of Democracy. His accent and whimsical jokes provided us with many laughs. Everyone loved him; his days at Willis brightened ours. We'll always remember his classes.

Our class found that compiling data for the Delhi was a tremendous job. Do you recall those frequent interruptions such as, "Pardon the interruption, but will homeroom 301 please report to the auditorium for their Delhi picture." An added incentive for buying the Delhi was the possibility of getting

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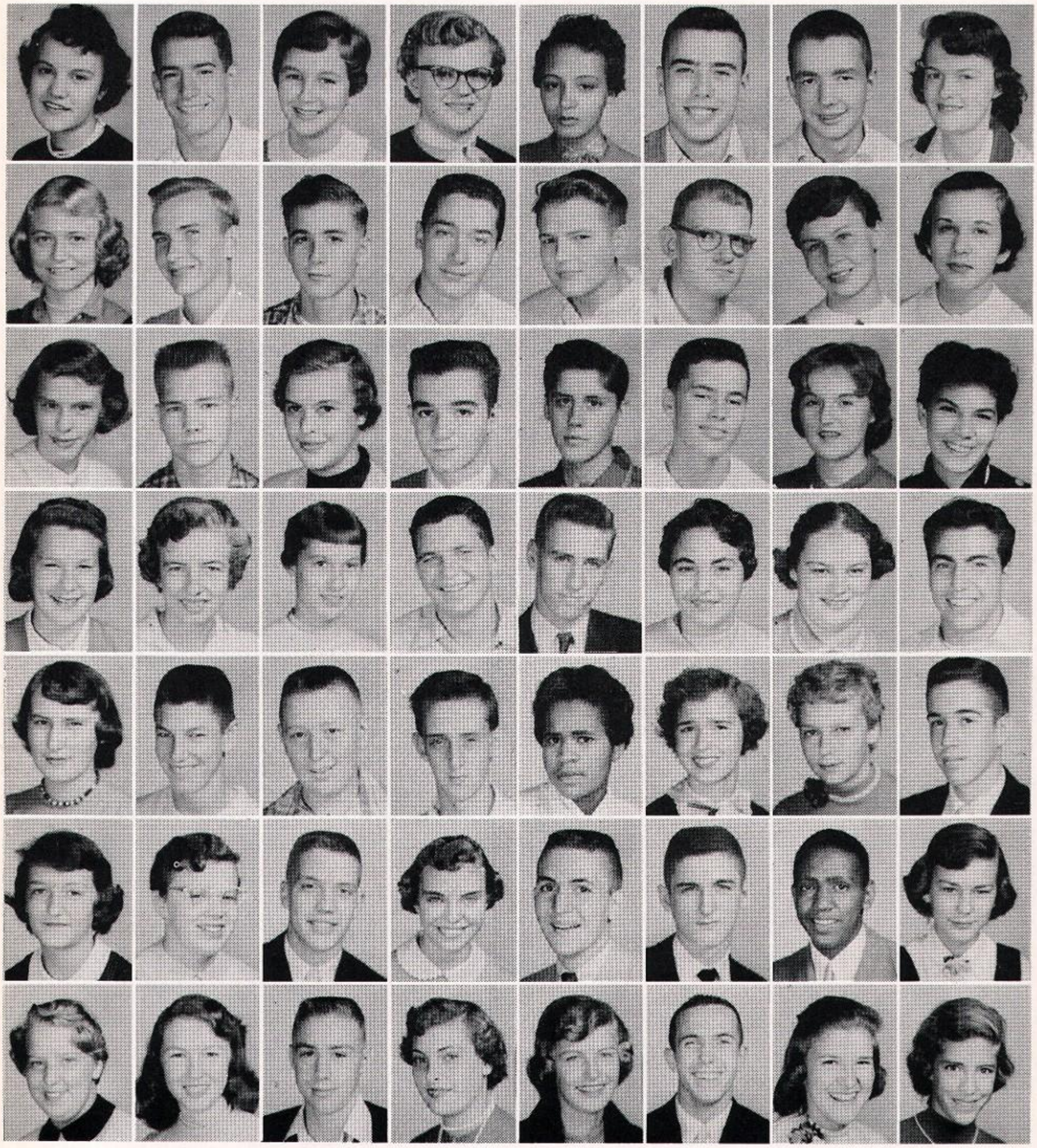

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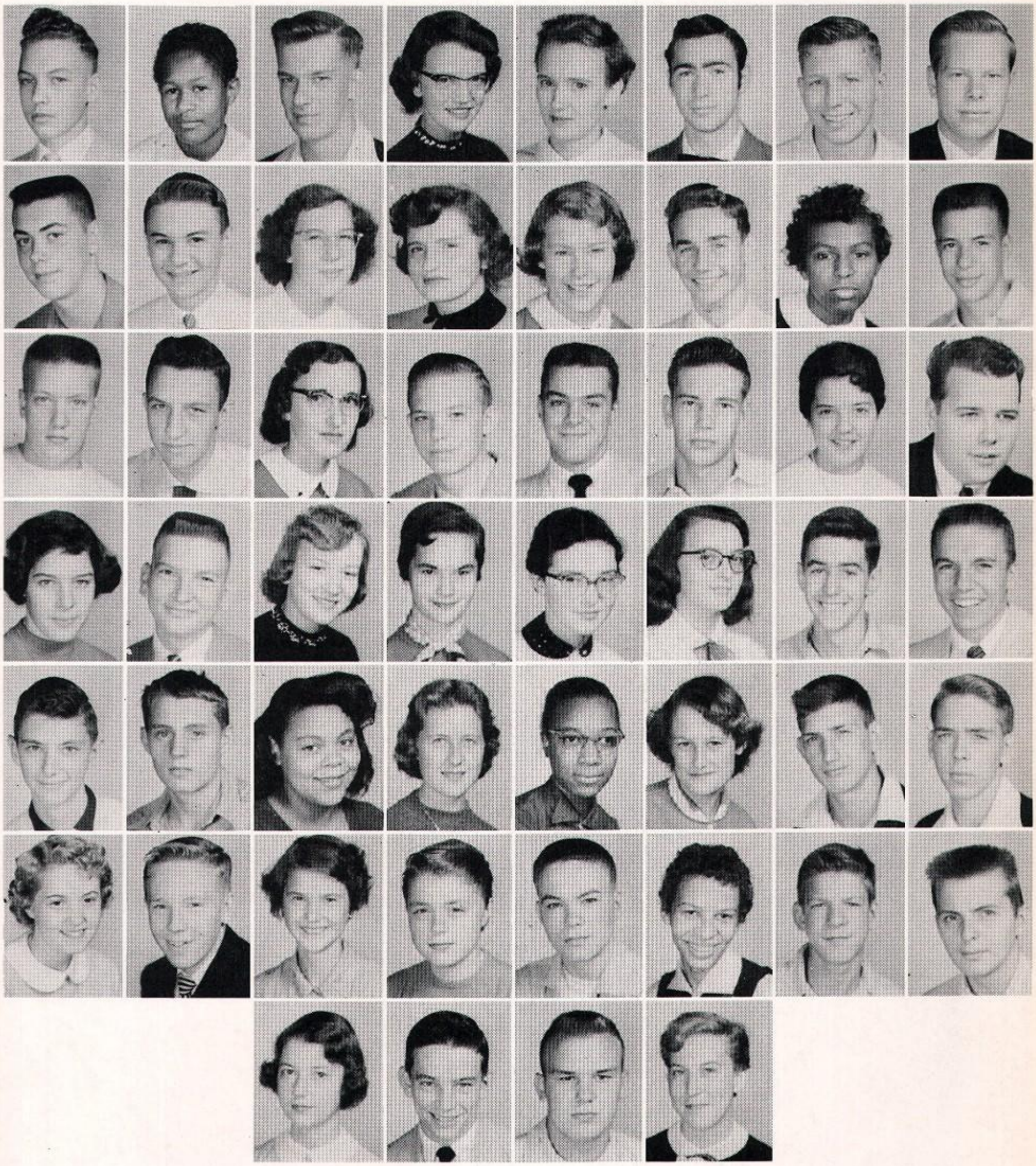

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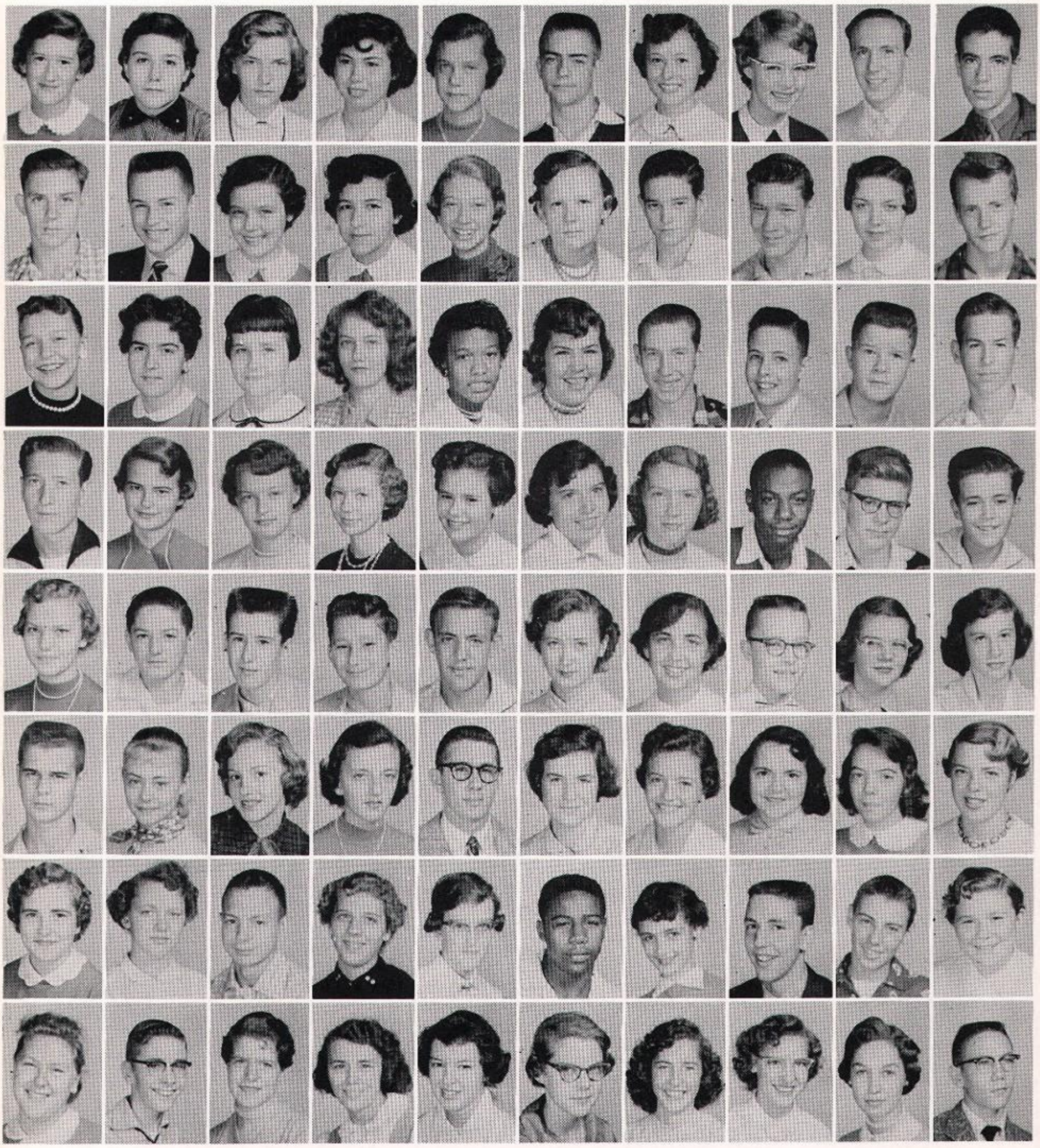

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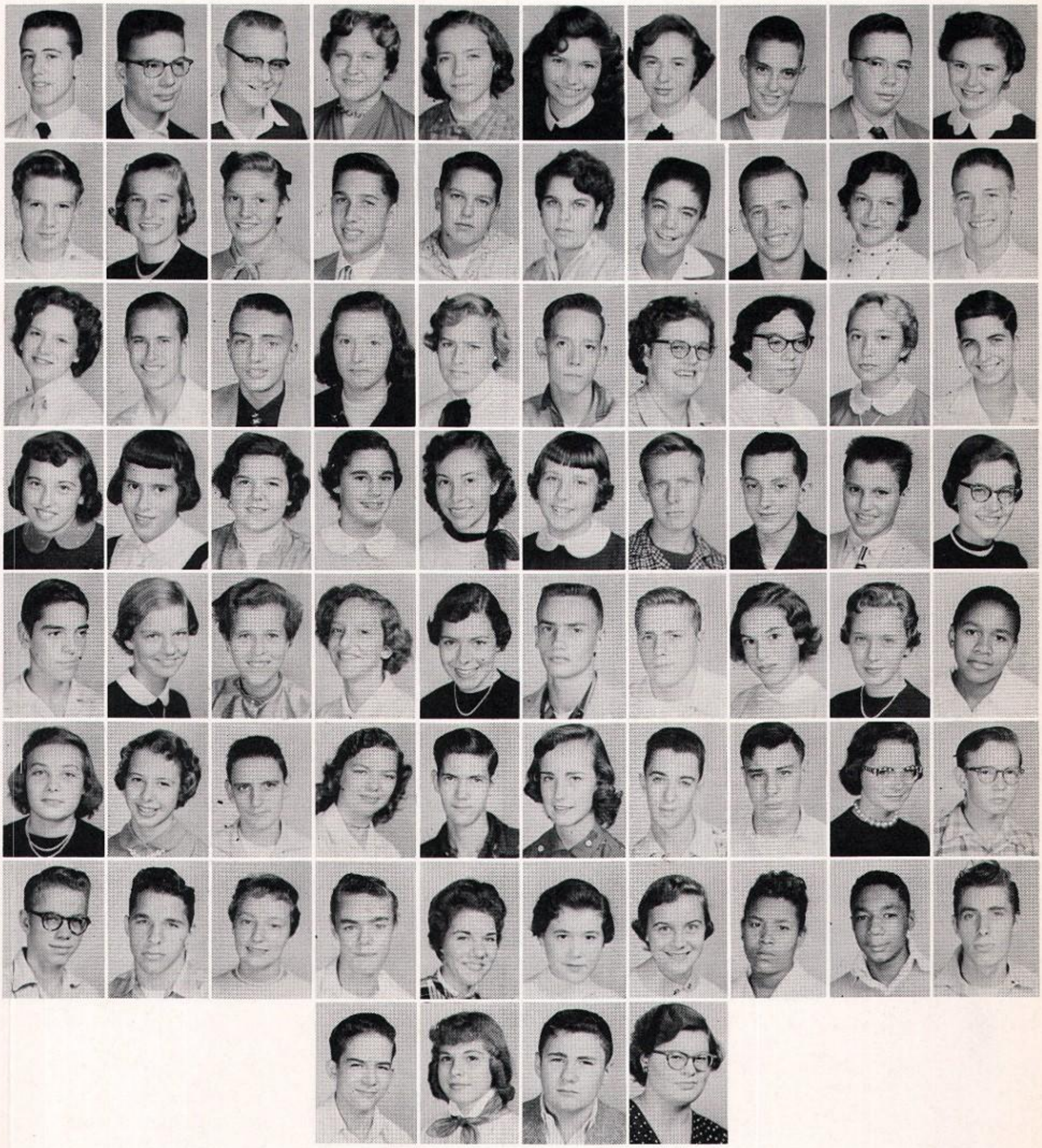

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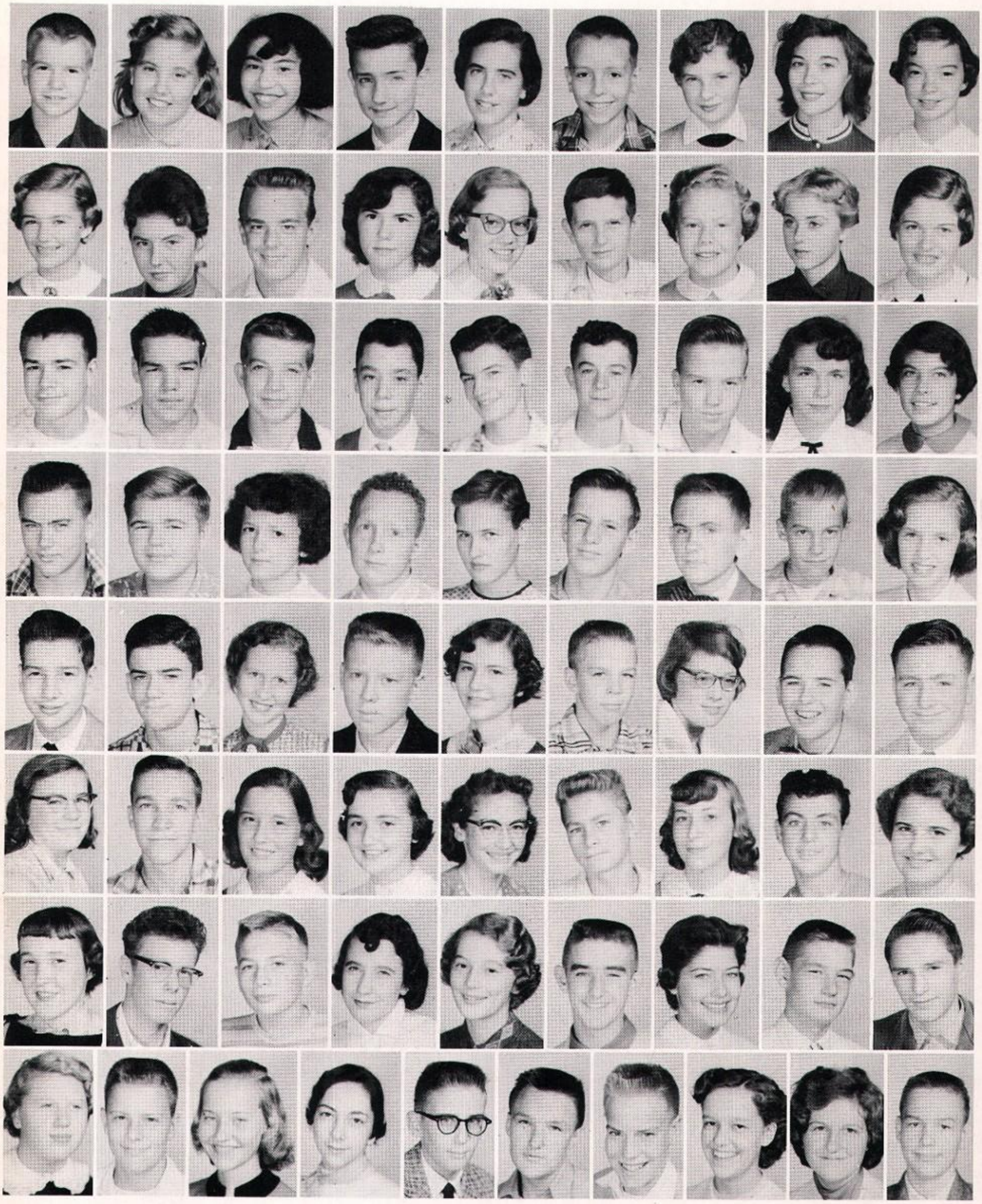

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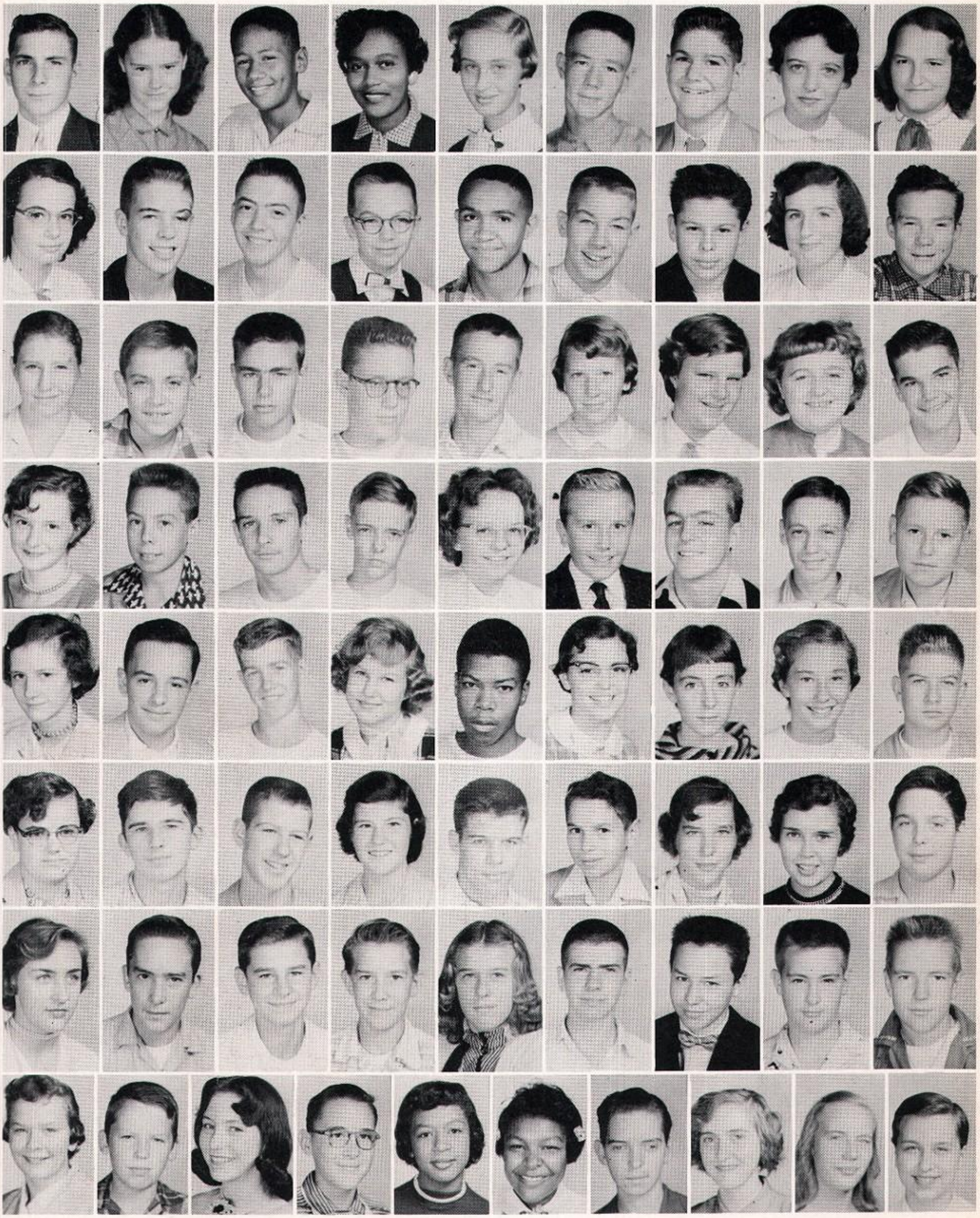

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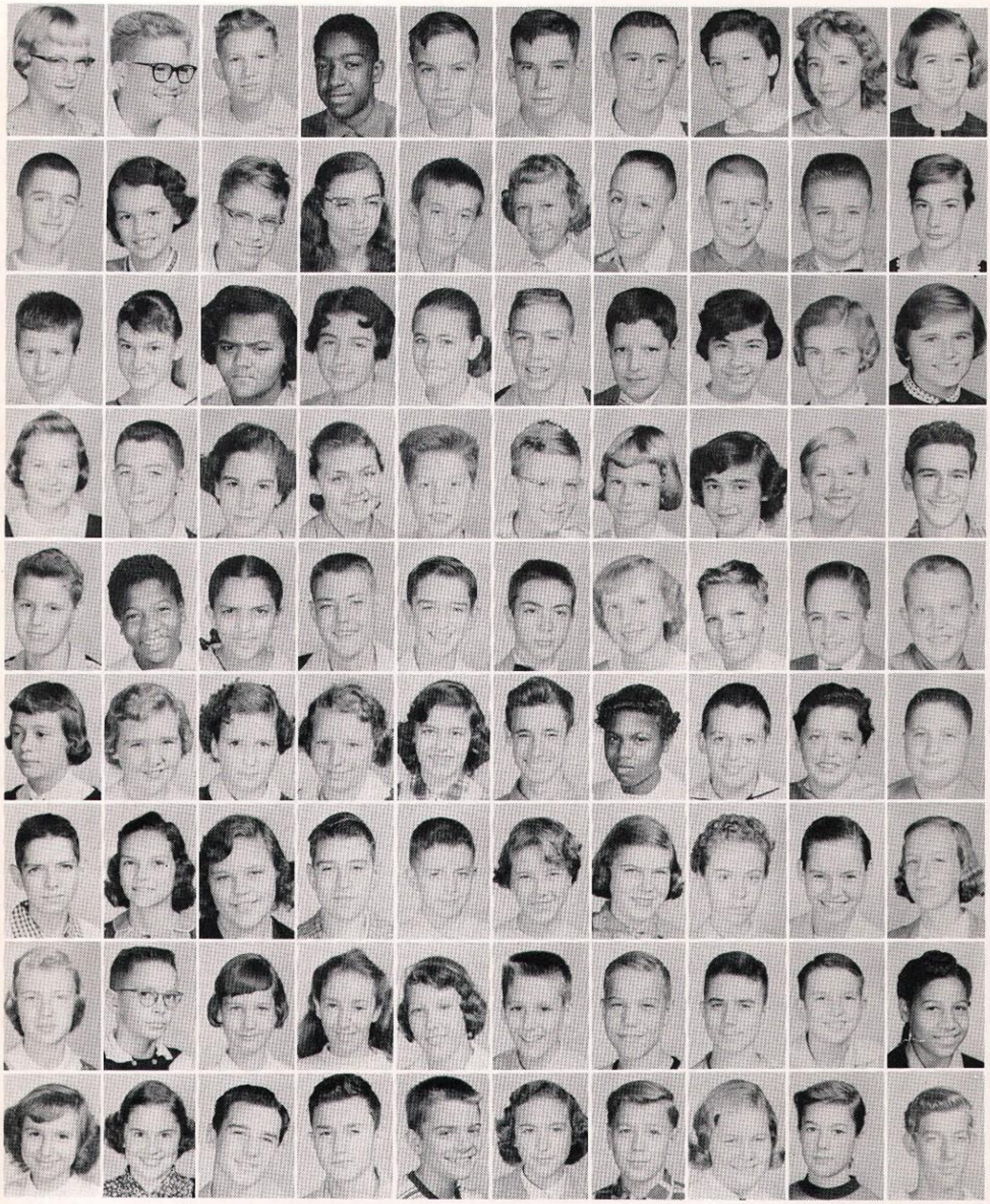

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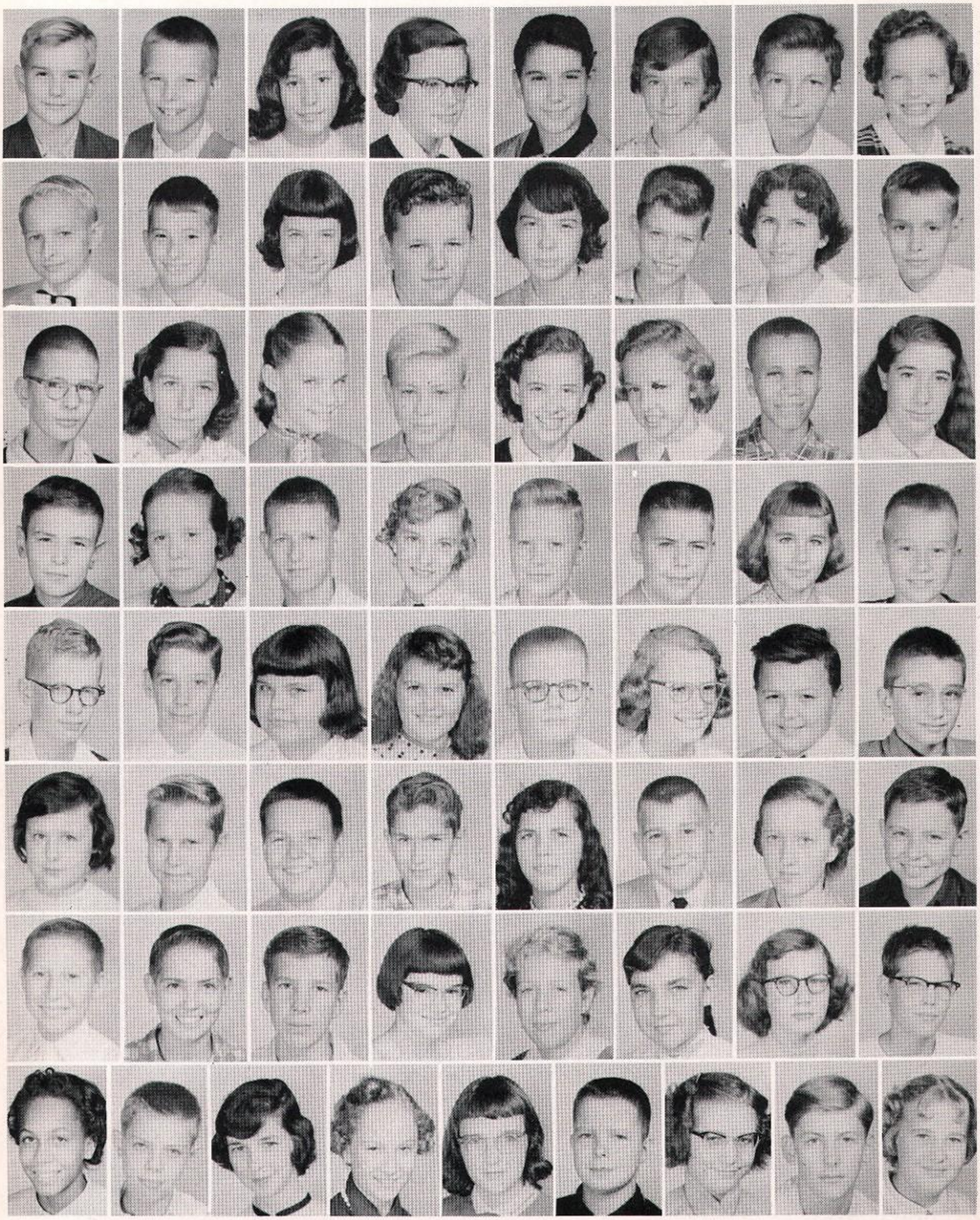

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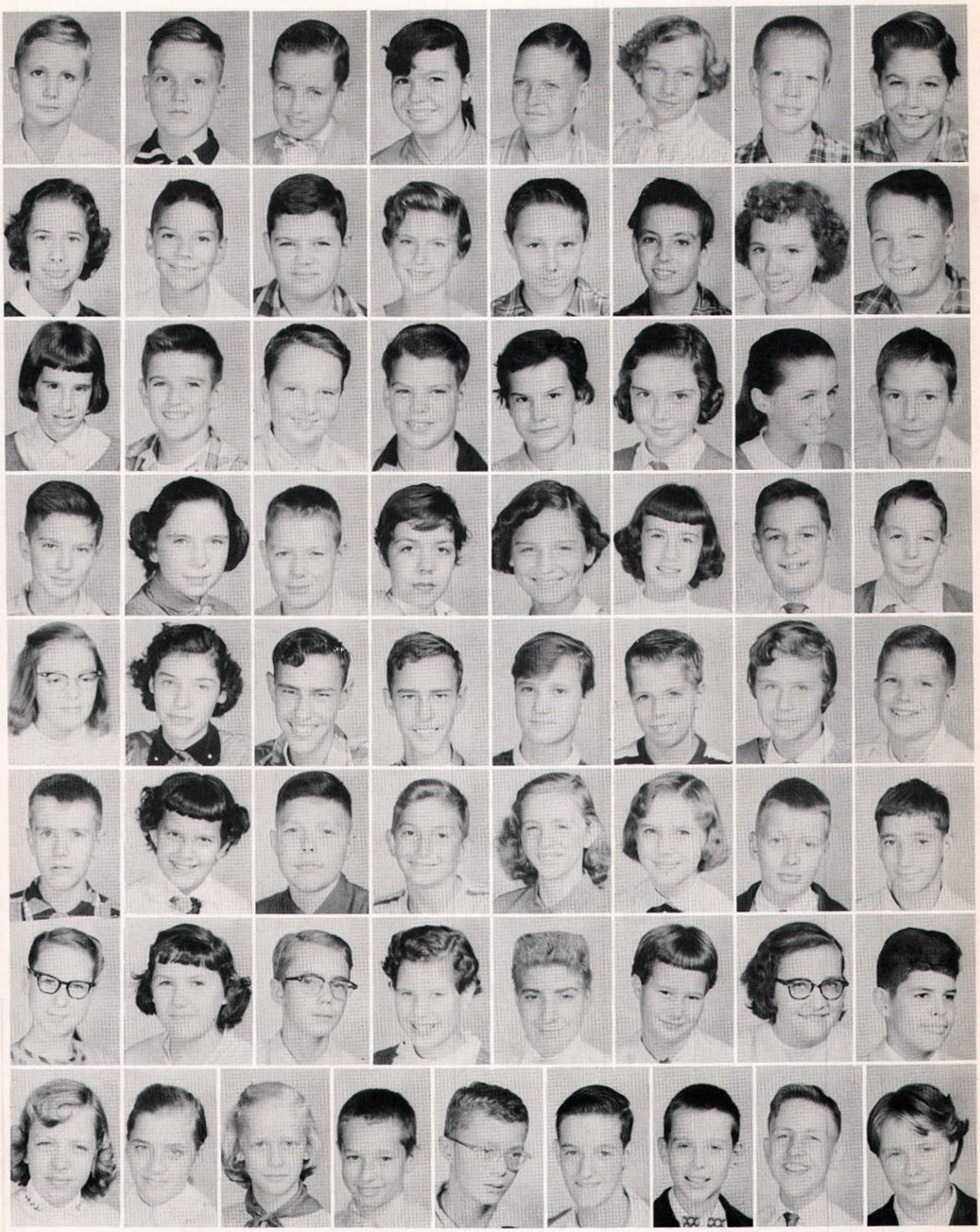

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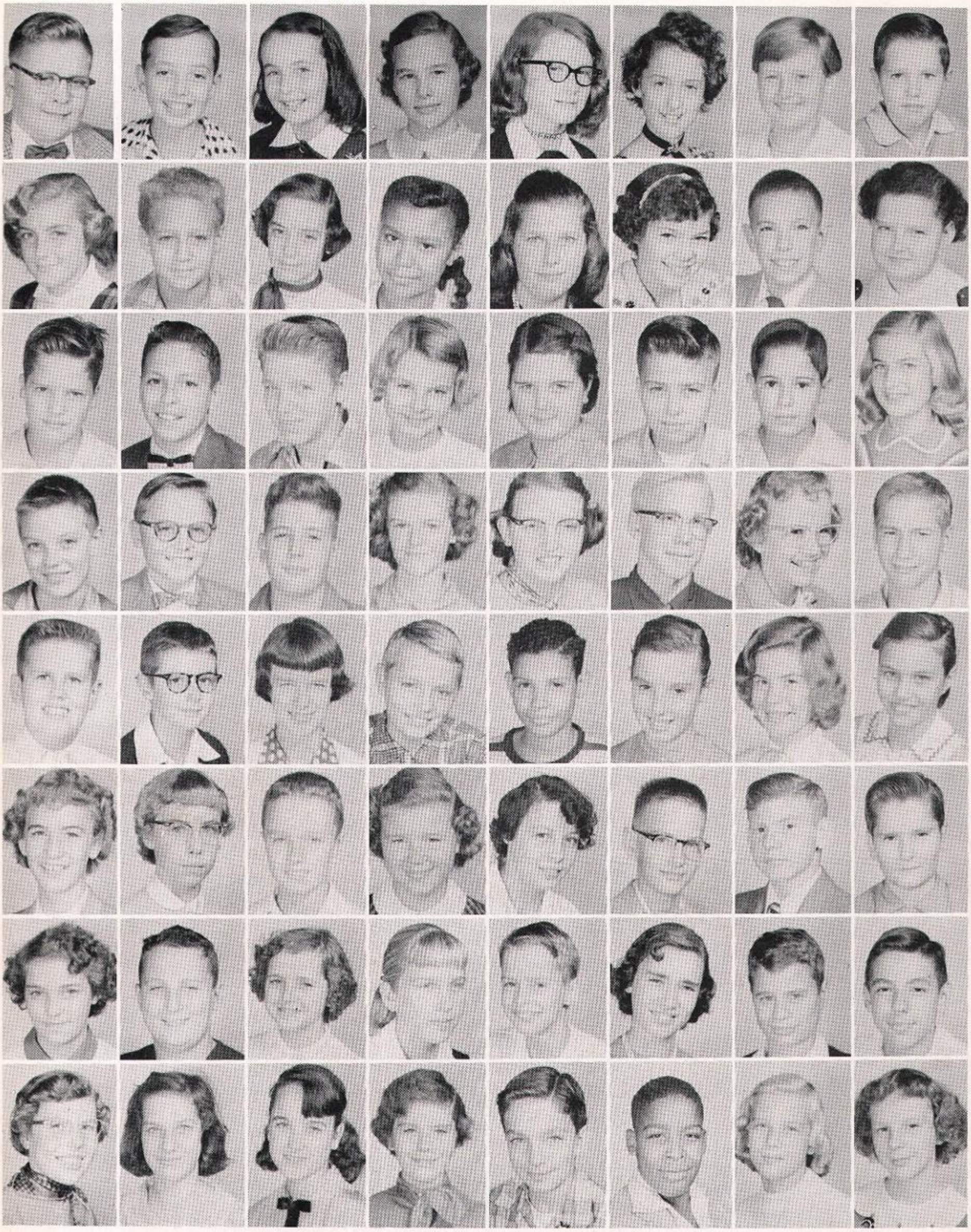

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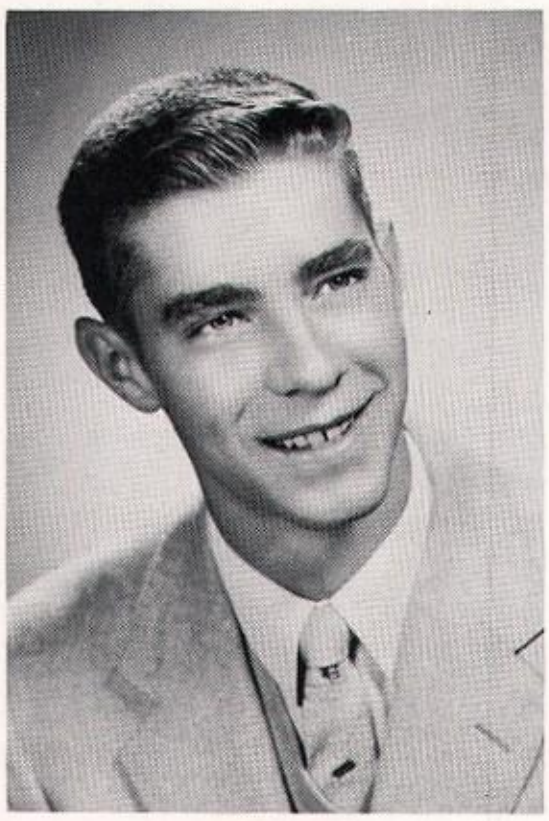

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GOVERNING BODIES

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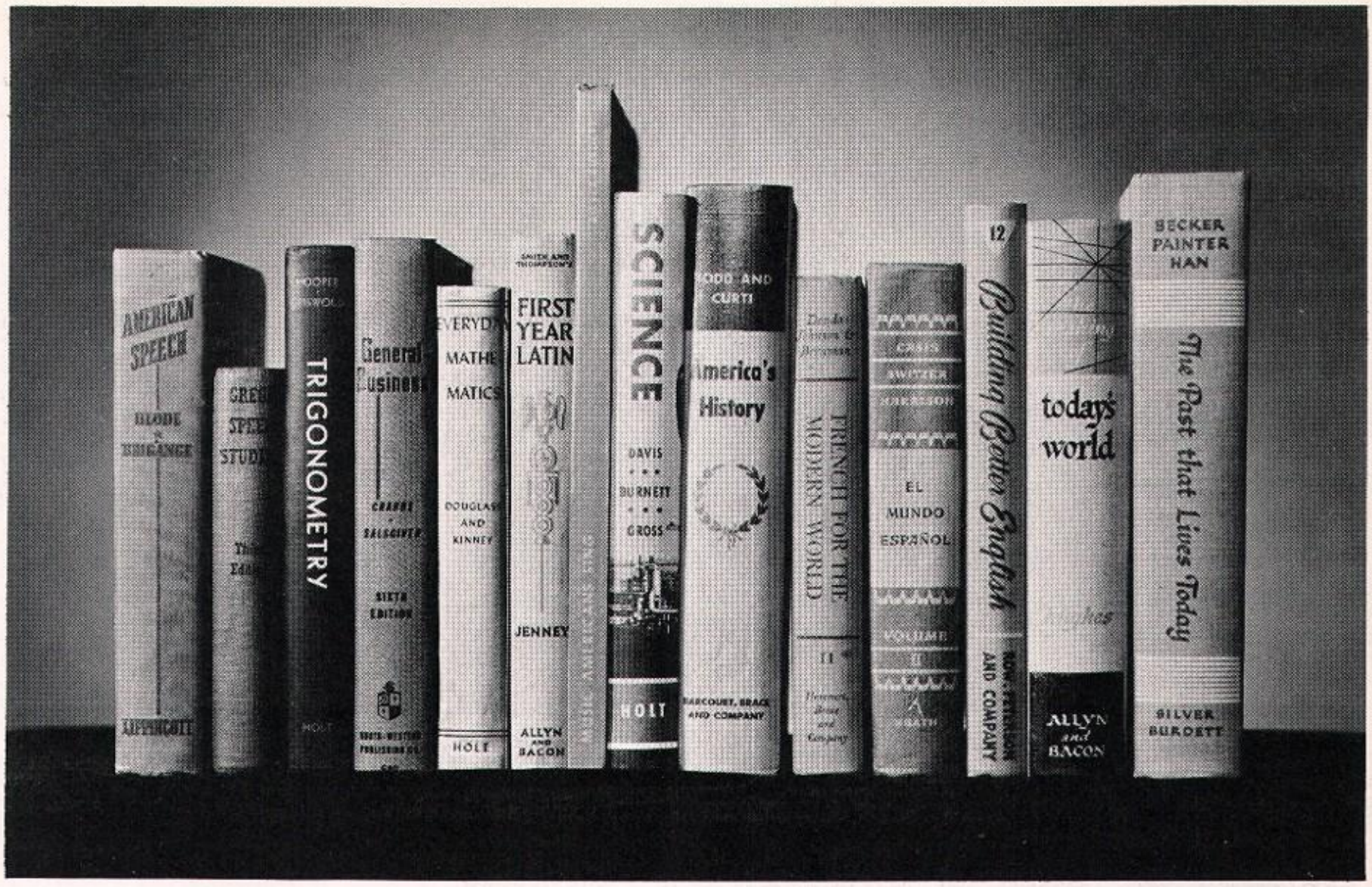
Something new was tried in Student Council by dividing the members and faculty advisors into several committees.

The purpose of the Athletic Committee was to investigate sportsmanship, school spirit, and to be in charge of pep assemblies. The Finance Committee was assigned all money-making projects: carnival concessions, and the magazine drive. The Judicial Committee made rules for conduct in halls, rest rooms, auditorium, enforced lunch regulations, and regulated discipline. The Guidance Committee encouraged good manners, care of rest rooms, personal cleanliness, sportsmanship, school spirit, scholarship, and care of the building and equipment.

The Social Committee chartered new clubs, had charge of class parties, gave permission for social events, evaluated the social program, encouraged etiquette, and had charge of all school parties. The Assembly Committee planned assemblies and selected the movies. The Scholarship Committee had charge of National Honor Society, honor and merit roll, grade cards, the testing program, exam schedule, curriculum, and scholarships.

Bill Graham, student body president, presided over all the meetings and secretary of the student body, Linda Melvin, kept records of meetings. Miss Whitted acted as faculty advisor for the organization.



"In those dear old days of high school,

Drinking at the mystic spring."

CURRICULUM

ARTS

Art is not for artists only. It is involved in anything we do which expresses something—an idea, a feeling, or a sense of order. Art is life. The art course includes many activities such as leather craft, carving, textile decoration, ceramics, and painting.

Home Economics is a four year course for girls based upon learning skills and doing project work in foods, clothing, home furnishings, child care, grooming, and budgeting. Each girl is required to have a project.

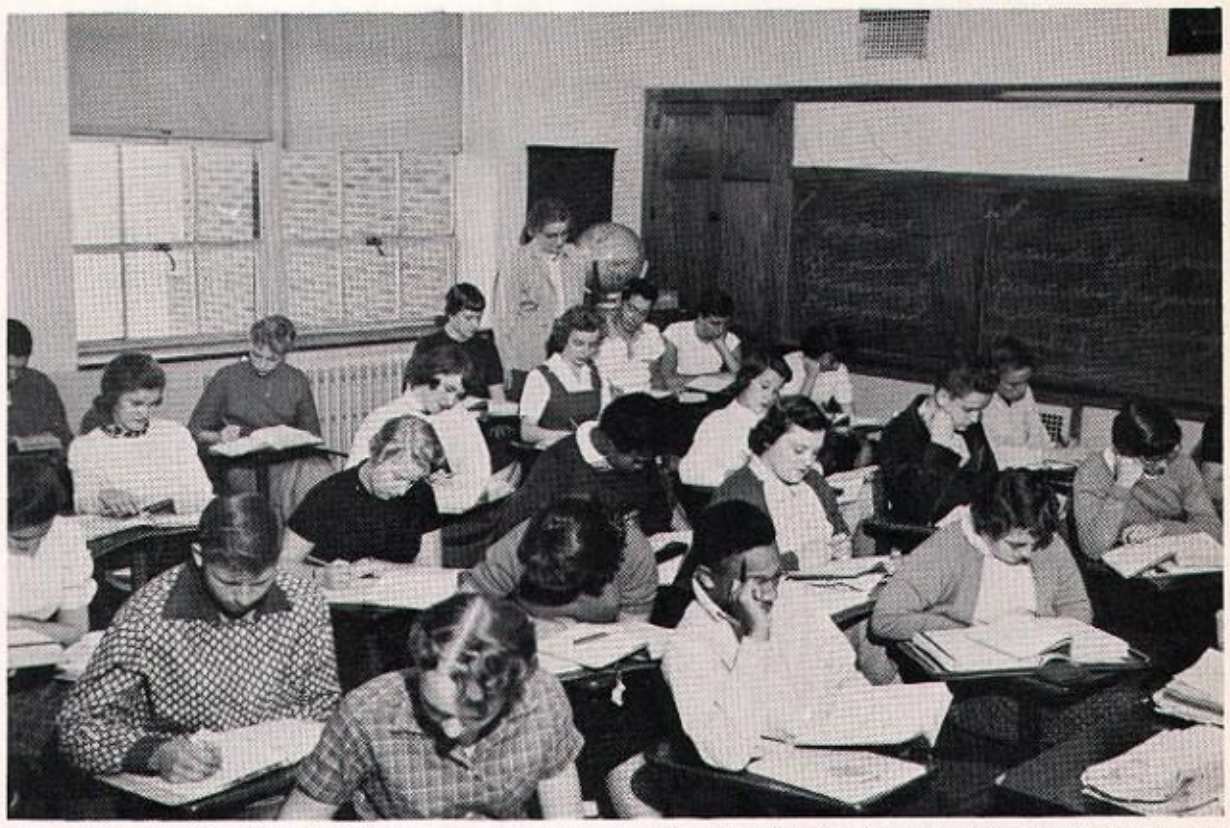
This year the girls had a new modernized kitchen in which to work.

Students must have singing ability and try out for this choir. An attempt is made to improve the quality of choral singing through the study of breathing, tone quality, phrasing, posture, ensemble intonation, fundamental vowels, and consonants.

In addition to the Senior Choir there is the Glee Club, Senior Chorus, and Junior High Choir.

HISTORY

Every student in the State of Ohio is required to have one unit of American History for graduation. This course is given at Willis High School in the eleventh grade. The course consists of a survey of the major political, social, and economics problems which have confronted the American people. In connection with this course, the students study Current Events.



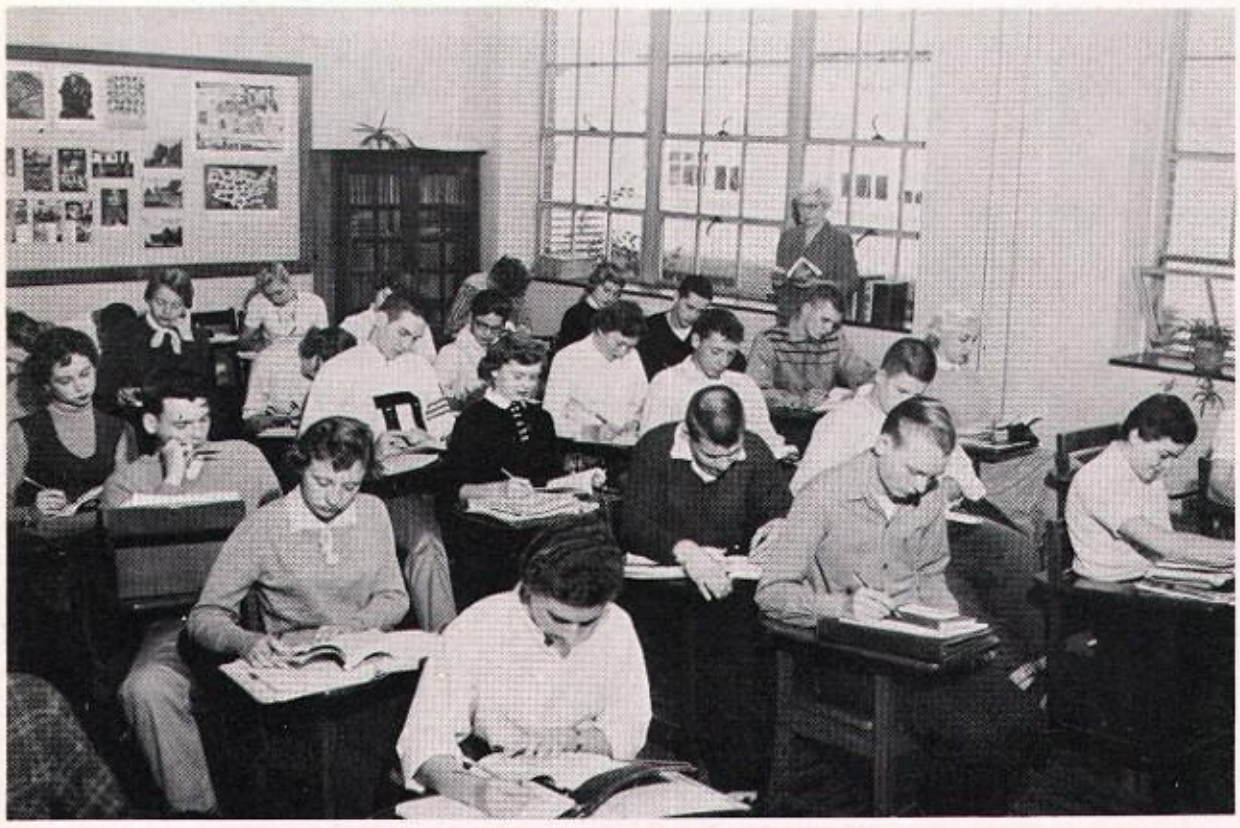
World History is the elective course taken in the sophomore year. This course is a survey of the social, economic and political problems of the world from the beginnings of civilization to the present day in an attempt to show their effects in our present way of life. Current Affairs is studied in connection with the course.

Willis was very fortunate in having Australia's exchange teacher Jack McCloughan teach this course.

Problems of Democracy, a twelfth year course required of all seniors, has as its purpose the examination of the various social problems which confront the American people. Among those studied are the problems of mental health, crime, alcohol and family, church, education, race and recreation. One unit is devoted to the study of economic problems and another to those of government, current affairs are studied through the use of Time magazine, trip, movies, panel discussions, and other activities.

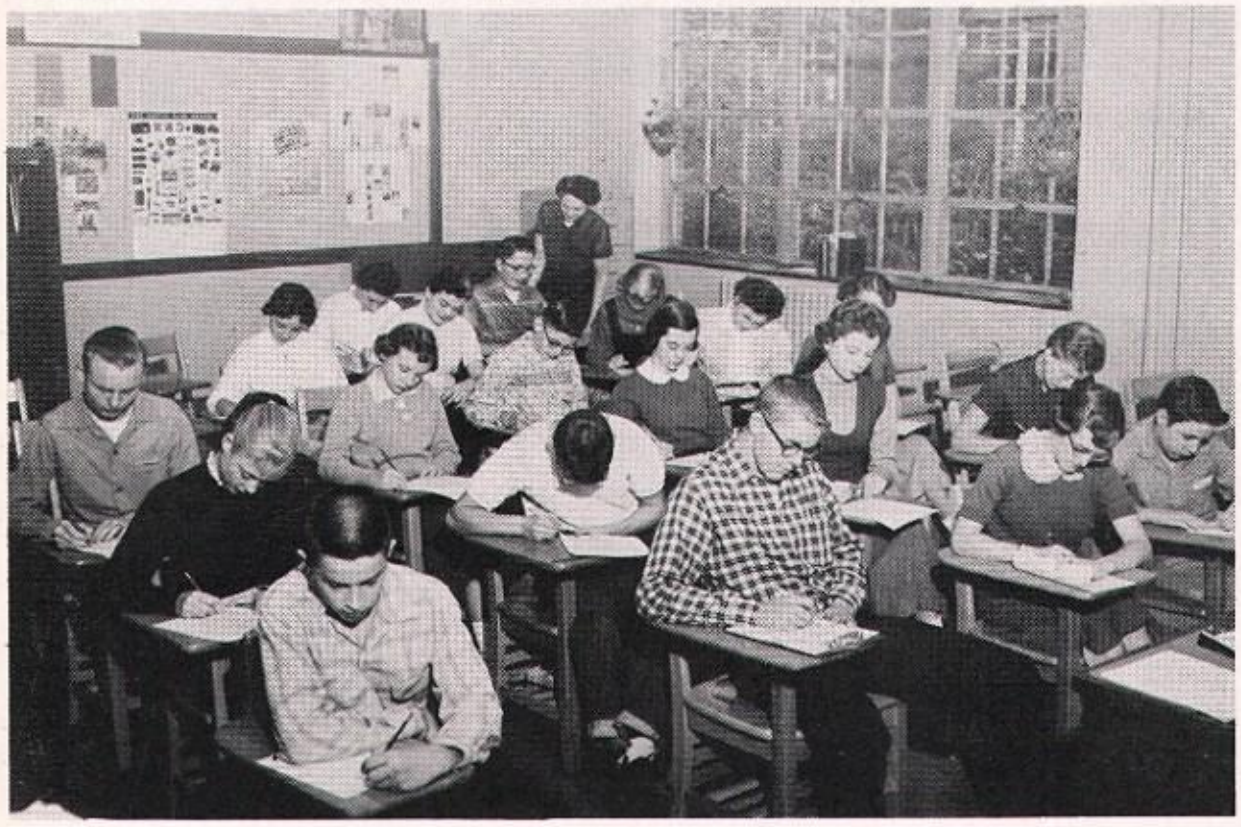
Australian exchange teacher Jack McCloughan taught three classes of P. O. D.

LANGUAGES

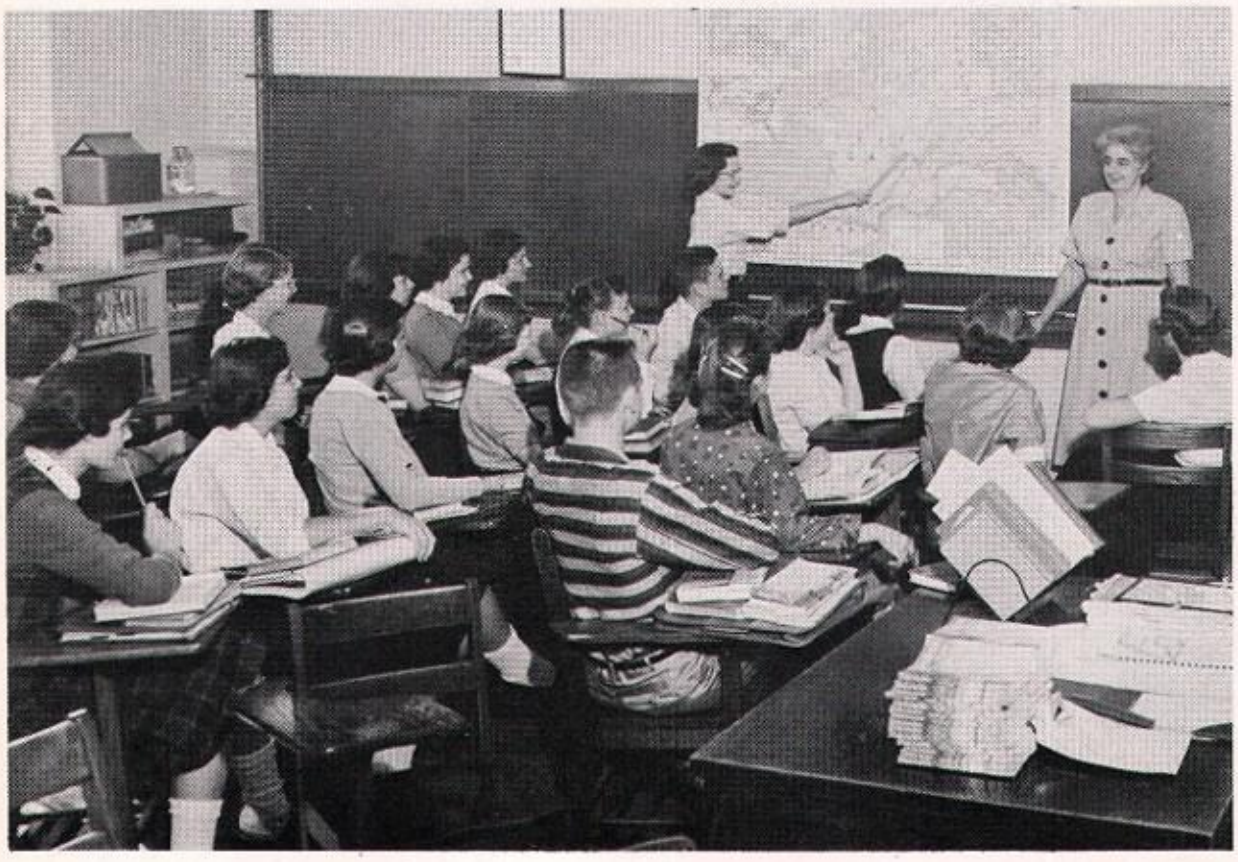


Senior English is a college preparatory, one-semester course which offers a review of English fundamentals and a presentation of new material which will be needed in college work. In collaboration with the Problems of Democracy course, a research paper is written under careful supervision.

The Senior English class under the supervision of Miss Whitted, faithfully worked hard to get their articles into the Gazette High School page.



French and Spanish are taught by Miss Dorothy Bussard. These courses emphasize not only the vocabulary and sentence structure of the language but also the backgrounds, customs, and prevailing conditions of the countries where the languages are spoken. Club meetings were held periodically and the business transacted in the language taught. For further familiarity with the people of the foreign countries, both French and Spanish Clubs presented a Mardi Gras and the Spanish Club held a banquet serving the customary foreign foods.

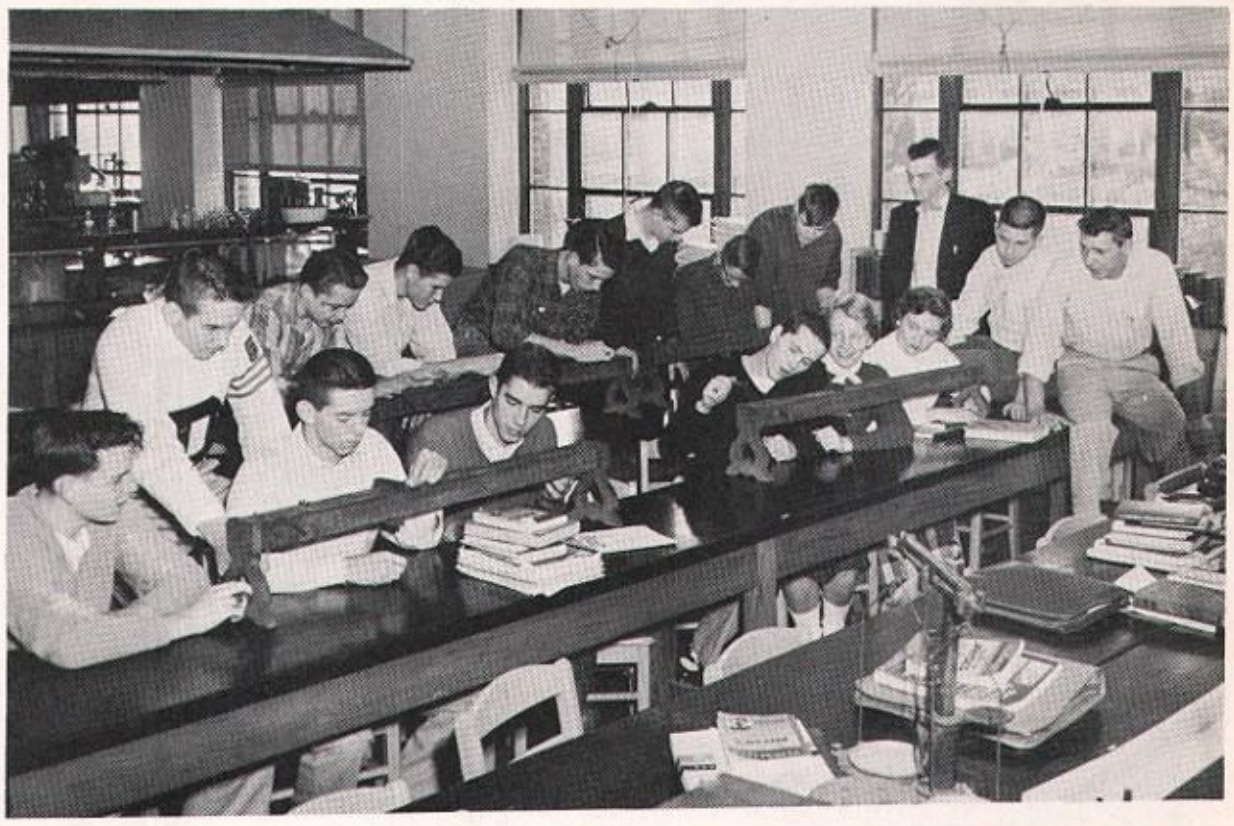


Willis offers two years of Latin taught by Mrs. Evans. The students of this language become very familiar with Greek Myths and fables and acquire a great deal of history while they are studying the language. To become better acquainted with the people and customs students are required to do projects involving research or to make items such as tunics, maps, etc. The climax of the year for the pupils is the Latin Banquet in which first year students are sold as slaves. The younger students put on the program and all enjoy the usual big dinner.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCES

Physics is the science which deals with matter and energy, the physical world and what makes it operate. It deals with six areas: mechanics, heat, sound, light, magnetism, and electricity.

Mr. Slasor, the Texan, taught the class and he and the pupils had a great time with their experiments.

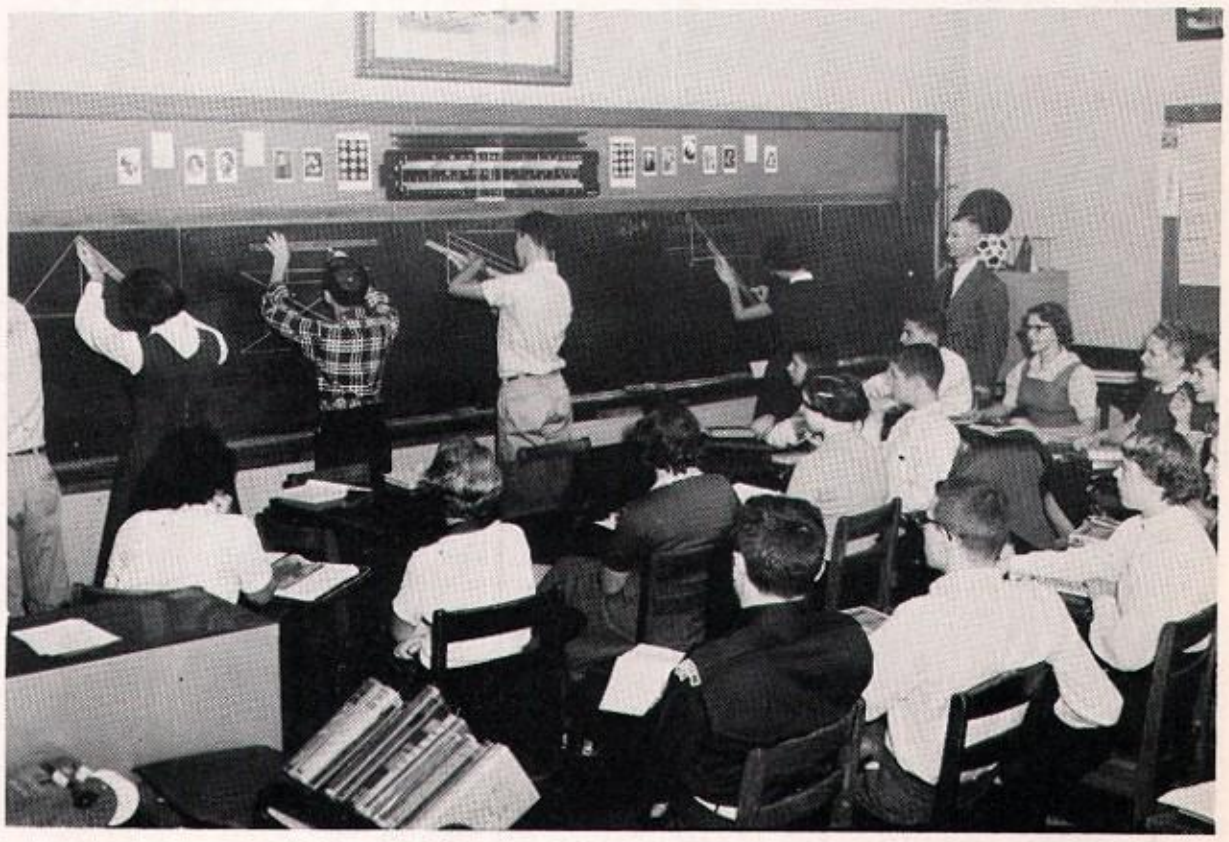


Emphasis in this course is given to the social aspects of biology, especially to such important topics as health, conservation, and recreation. The aims of this course are to develop an understanding of the fundamentals of scientific method and to develop scientific attitude.

The study of biology under Mr. Cornwell can open the door to a whole new world—a world that you can appreciate and enjoy throughout life.

Mr. Felts is one of the hardest-working teachers at Willis as he heads one of the most efficient departments at Willis, the mathematics department. Shown here is a plane geometry class dealing with definitions, hypotheses, axioms and postulates, direct and indirect proof, analytic and synthelic proof, inductive and deductive proof. The course includes the development of theories and exercises dealing with parallel lines, circles, loci, congruence, similar figures, with many numerical applications.

Solid Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, Algebra III, General Mathematics, and Plane Trigonometry are also offered at Willis.



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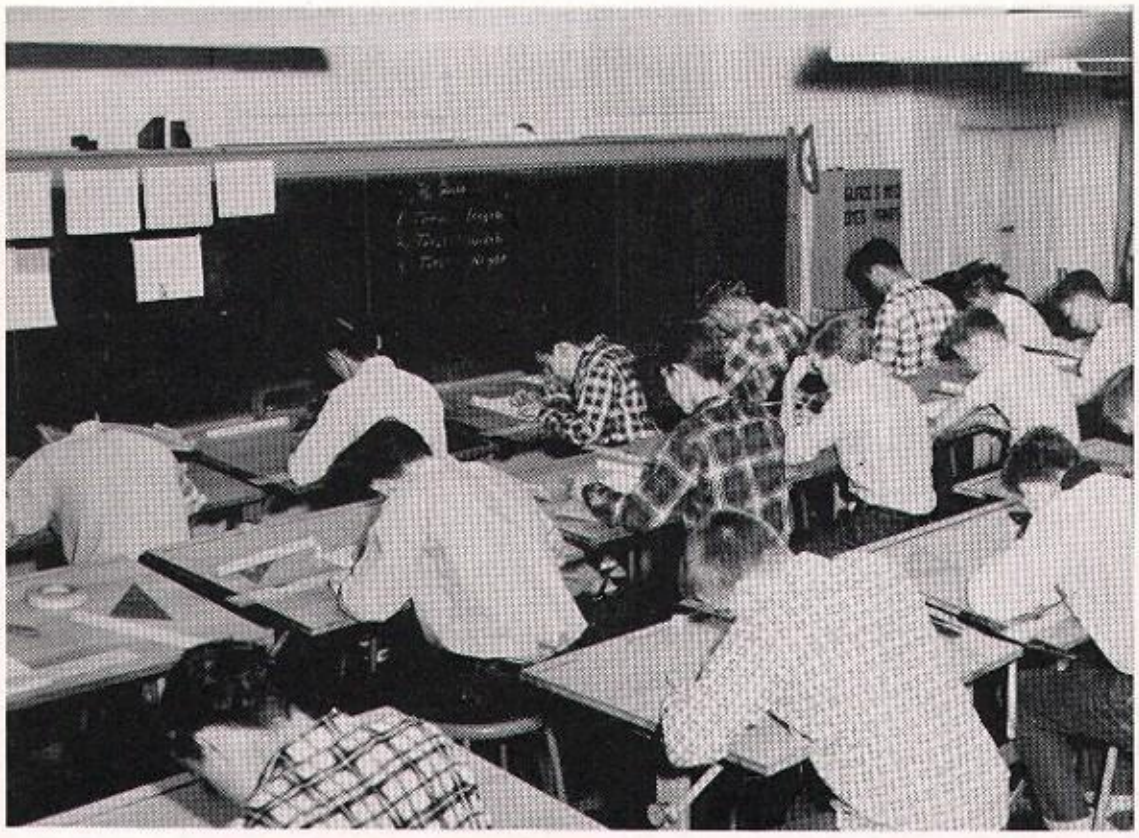


Many different kinds of jobs are offered in Industrial Arts. Among these are mechanical drawing, graphic arts, woodworking, metal work, electricity, arc welding, and advanced courses in these. The purpose of the different areas of study is to give boys a wide choice of occupations to pursue.

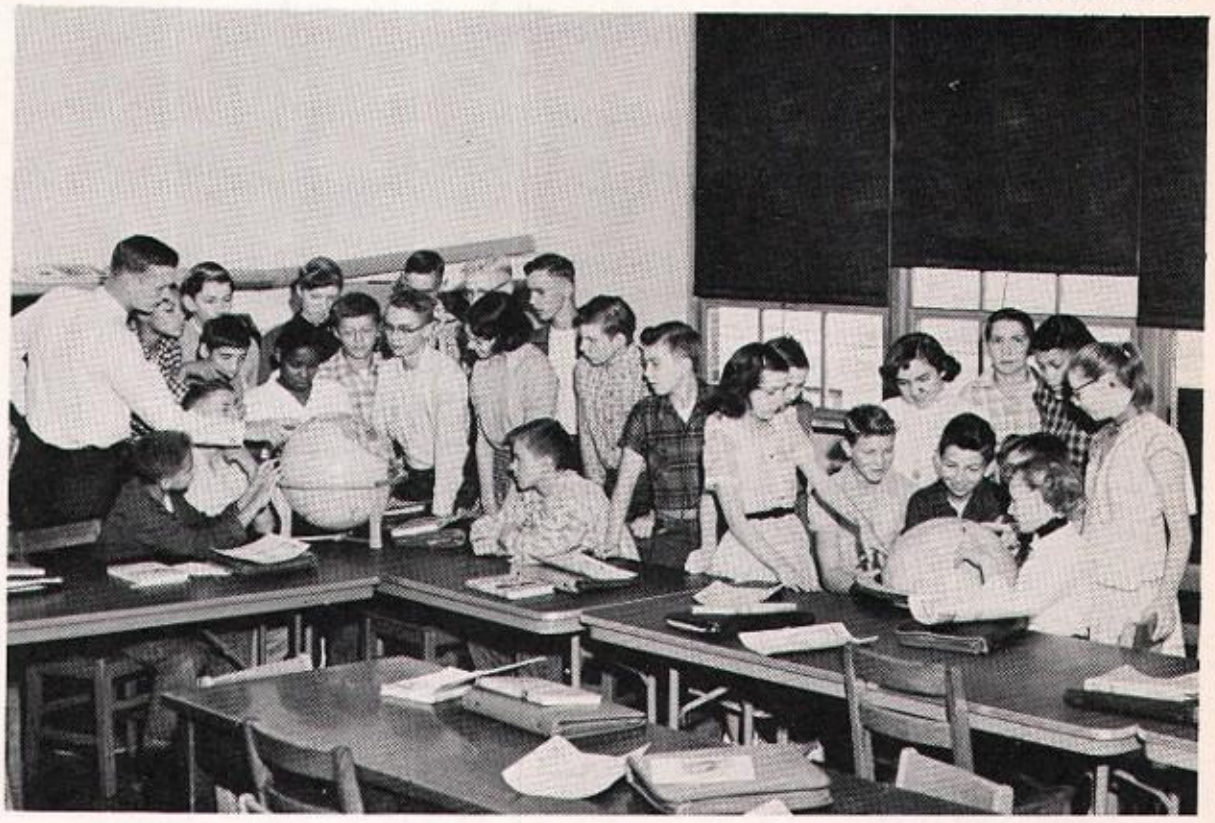
Farm Shop includes the building of gates, hog houses, feeders, and many other articles used on the farm. It also includes welding, tool sharpening, soldering, wood turning, rope splicing, and the development of many other skills that are often useful on or off the farm.

Every student at Willis may have an opportunity to become acquainted with various types of machines and their use in business. The students can review the English fundamentals and practice composing business correspondence.

Various courses offered are: Business English, Bookkeeping I, General Business, Office Practice, Shorthand, Typing and Transcription. These subjects are taught by Miss Benson, Mrs. Klamfoth and Mrs. Dunton.

CORE

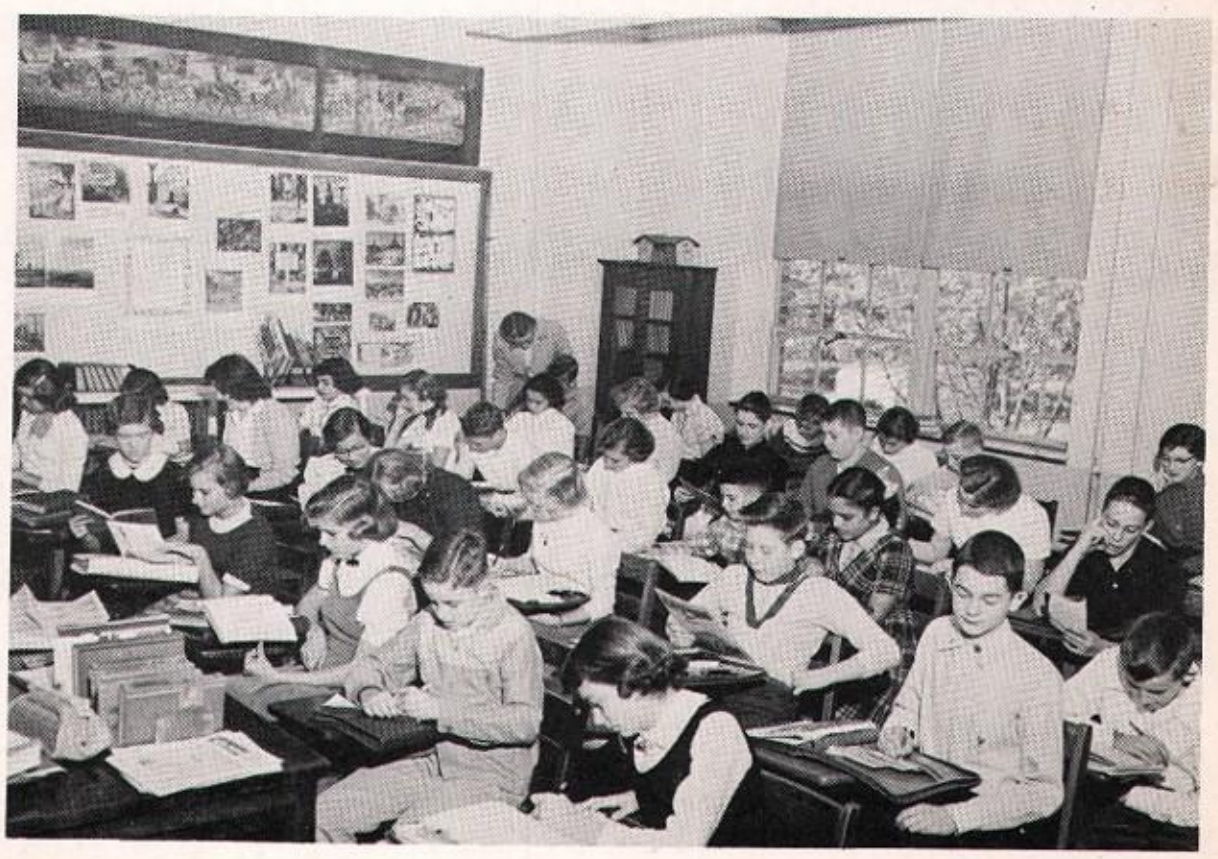
The Core is made up of several subjects all taught by the same teacher. The subjects are science, geography, and current events. Mathematics and English are taught separately. In the seventh grade this year there were seven cores.



An interesting trip was taken by all seventh grade cores to the Columbus Plant of Current Events. They learned the various steps taken in the manufacturing of a Current Events paper. One core spent some time creating a science workbook. During Christmas vacation the pupils of another core collected data on the most important people and events of 1955.

In the fall, pupils of the eighth grade spent a day at the WRFD playground. Nature hikes, story telling, athletics, and crafts were supervised by upper classmen and faculty members. A sack lunch was taken by everyone.

Pupils of both the seventh and eighth grade scored high in the state tests.



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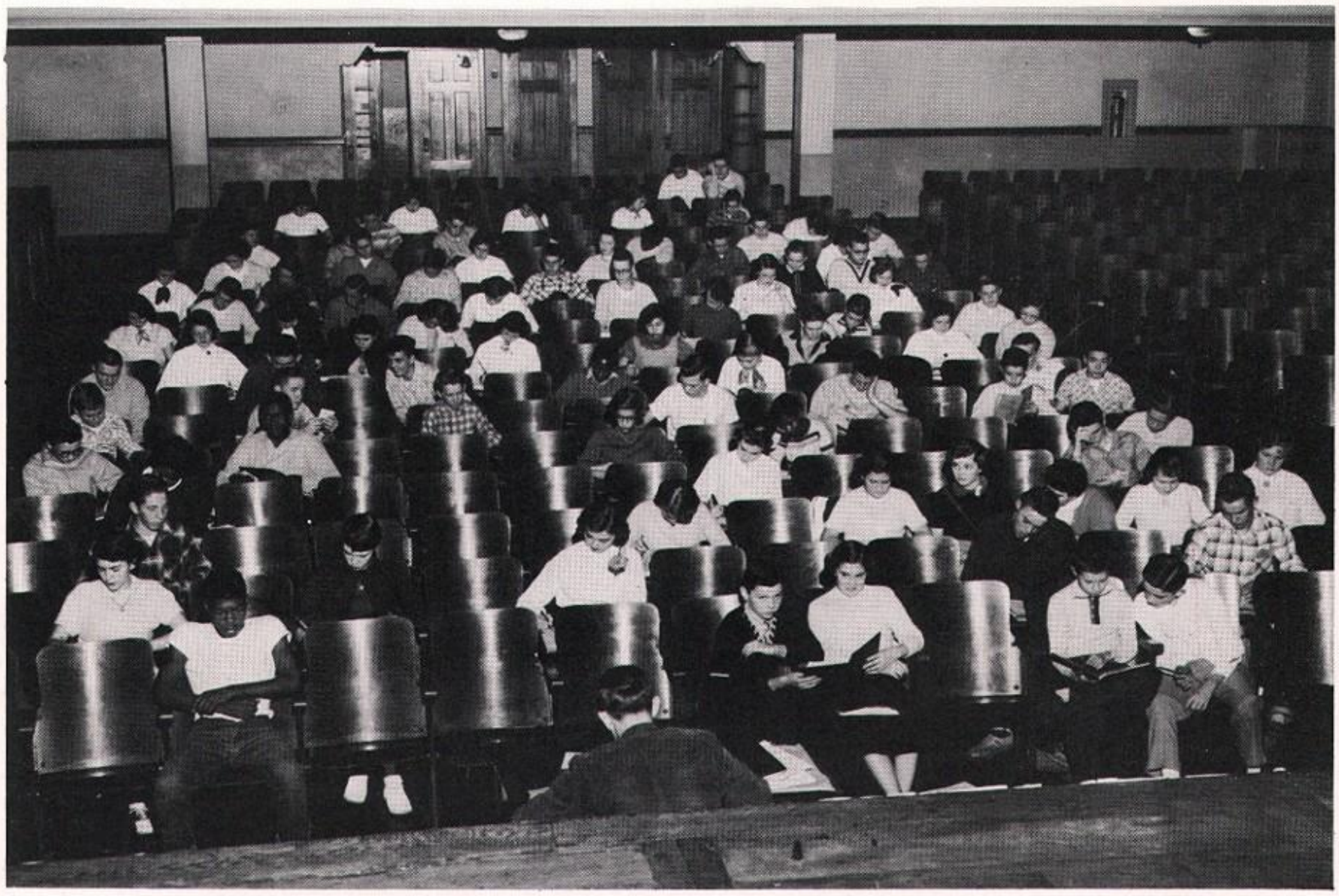

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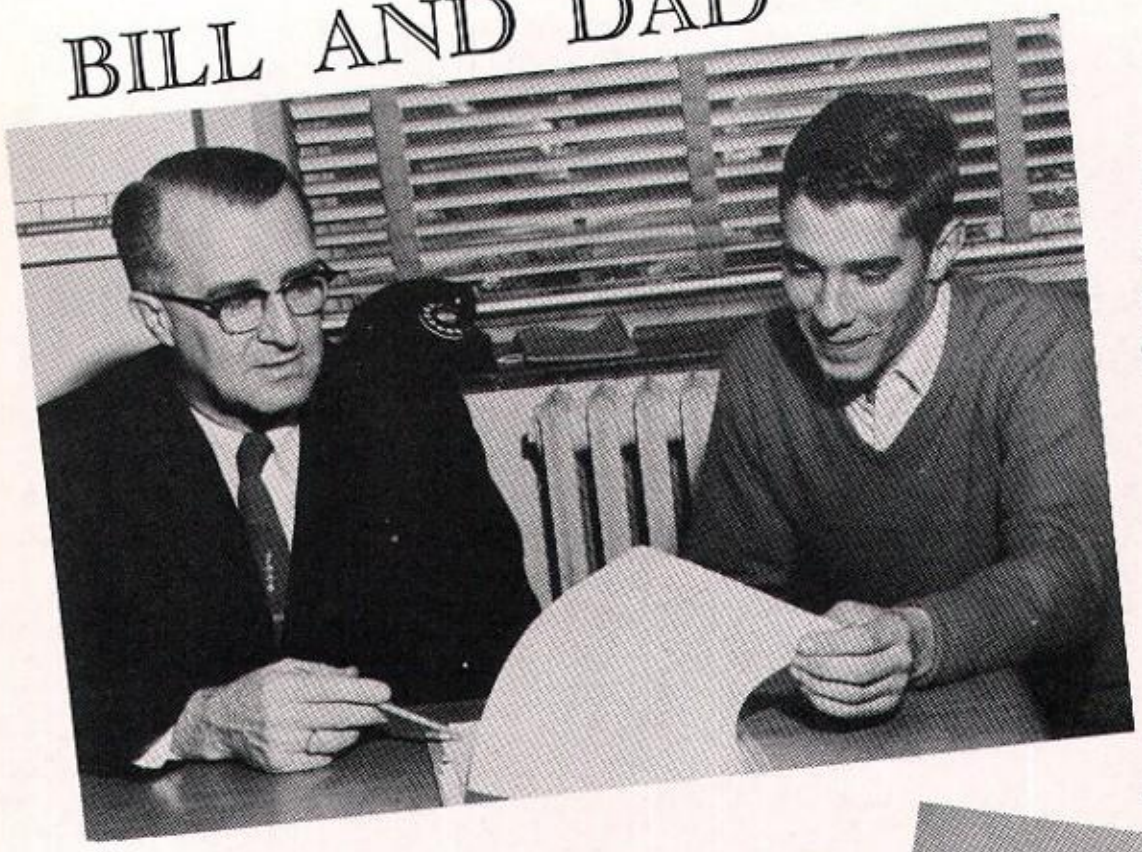


Something new and a little unusual happened this year as father and son both held high official positions. Bill Graham was elected Student Body President and his father, Tom "Spot" Graham, became the new principal.

LONG LIVE JACK

The warm smile and pleasant personality of an Australian, Jack McCloughan, captured the hearts of all who saw and heard him through the course of the year. His tales of the "country down under" delighted all.

As a token of friendship from Australian students, he presented some books to Willis as a gift from his own school in Sydney.

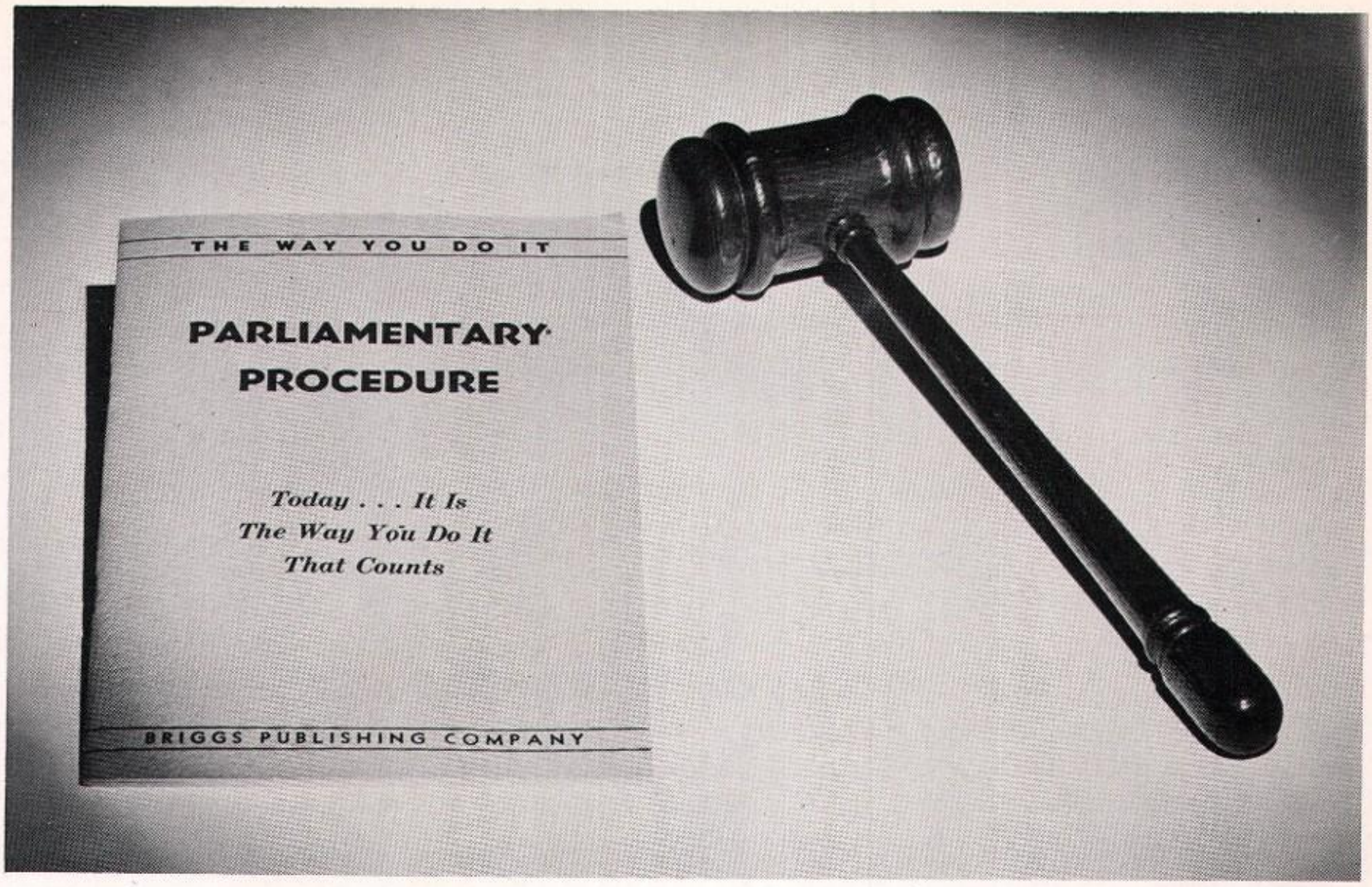
No matter where Mr. McCloughan may roam there will always be a place for him at Willis.

Since 1932, Willis High School has been certified by the State of Ohio Department of Education as a six-year, approved high school of the First Grade.

Willis High School is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Willis has been accredited continuously by the Association since 1904.

To graduate from Willis High School a pupil must have earned a total of 17 credits. There are four major courses of study in Willis High School: the college preparatory course, the commercial course, the agriculture course, and the general course.

The enrollment for the 1955-56 school year was 925.



"For fond memories it will kindle

Nor honor shall it lack,

For it stands as nature's symbol

Of The Orange and the Black."

ORGANIZATIONS

W-TEENS

Left to right: Row 1 — B. Blair, J. Baker, L. Barrett, D. Gorsuch, S. Howard, S. Hobbs, J. Felts, S. Hasty, M. Arrington, C. Gale, S. Kellar, L. Hobbs, W. Ebright, D. Graham, J. Deel, F. Alter, L. Harris, S. Jackson, B. Culver. Row 2 — Mrs. Hubbard, S. Crank, M. Hilborn, J. Drake, S. Green, N. Clipson, N. Jones, S. Elder, J. Fidler, E. Bennett, J. Crowl, N. Jamison, J. Askins, B. Lewis, B. Gale, M. Courter, L. Dickey, H. Johnson, L. Dixon. Row 3 — D. Bump, J. Kofoed, N. Harris, S. Dimon, B. Coover, S. Espenshied, C. Bayliff, J. Cain, C. Fisher, L. Bobula, J. DeWalt, C. Deyo, J. Hutchisson, M. Jamison, C. Ellis, J. Hudson, L. Axline. Row 4 — J. Jones, M. Greene, J. Barris, J. Green, M. Evans, R. Hagar, V. Davenport, C. Comston, N. Dimon, C. Brown, D. Arrington, J. Crist, M. Geary, C. Dalton, J. Knight, J. Bishop, K. Evans. Row 5 — T. Johnson, S. Black, M. Hasty, M. Call, K. Kern, J. Betts, P. Bachelor, B. Fillinger, C. Glaze, N. Byerly, C. Lowry, J. Courter, L. Kroninger, N. Glaze, S. Gatton, N. Avery, D. Ferguson. Row 6 — L. Chase, L. Carlisle, J. Allen, M. Dunham, S. Baker, P. Heineman, A. Heinlen, A. Johnson, S. Borland, H. Cain, B. Barton, K. Hirning, J. Hoffman, K. Hardin, P. Foster, L. Evans. Row 7 — L. Longwell, L. Bayliff, H. Hearn, C. Gabriel, J. Long, P. Glaze, J. Grey, T. Hughes, C. Gregory, C. Blair, S. Fleshman.

The W-Teens had a busy year under the leadership of Betty Coover, president; Julia Drake, vice president; Sue Parker, secretary; Rosie Piatt, treasurer; Rachel Reaney, dance chairman; Janet Patrick, program chairman; and the sports chairman, Mariam Hasty Stimmel.

Of the many committees in the club the W-Teens felt the adopted family was the most important. Rosie Piatt was the chairman and voluntary members helped. At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, the family received gifts. The gifts were usually food, clothing, bedding, and home furnishings.

A service committee for the school was the poster committee headed by Julia Drake. Posters were put up every two months throughout the school. These posters were concerned with manners, sportsmanship, honesty, cleanliness, and scholarship. The members signed up for the different months and helped make and distribute the posters.

The bulletin board drew a lot of comments because of its originality and colorfulness. Liz Dixon was the chairman. The subjects pertained to the different seasons or W-Teen activities.

Left to right: Row 1 — J. O'Neil, B. Smith, J. Robinson, B. Smith, S. Mead, R. Rardon, N. Patrick, A. Smith, P. Rayburn, S. Trout, J. Pope, M. Skatz, D. Ramey, C. Wilson, M. Smith, P. Thomas, C. Ward. Row 2 — S. Pope, H. Ufferman, M. Welch, P. Yost, D. Wilson, V. Robinson, B. Rupe, E. Snyder, J. Ramey, N. Wickham, M. Smith, G. Stewart, N. Osborn, M. Vance, N. Slagle, M. Teele, L. Schaffner, Mrs. Hubbard. Row 3 — S. Ross, J. Moore, J. Patrick, B. Robbins, S. Parker, R. Piatt, B. Perfect, G. Opel, N. Torrence, J. Seidl, J. Strimer, M. Welch, M. Young, A. Polites, A. Russell. Row 4 — L. Rardon, J. Talkington, S. Tapp, R. Reaney, L. Melvin, M. Sheets, B. McNamee, J. Reed, M. Reed, B. Zeigler, B. Murphy, N. Willey. Row 5 — M. Madison, D. Ward, S. Williams, M. Rider, J. Melvin, A. Ross, B. Shearman, D. Mead, J. Southard, S. Marks, S. Stiles.

One part of the W-Teen program every girl enjoyed was the sports with Miriam Hasty Stimmel as Chairman. The girls took part in volleyball, basketball, tennis, and bowling on "play night". On this night they had a covered dish supper and participated in these sports. Also on this night the girls who had taken part in nine sports were awarded their "W's". Miss Wells was the sponsor on these occasions.

After every business meeting once a month a program was given. One of the most outstanding programs was the one in December. A speaker from Palestine spoke on the Christmas customs of his land. The mothers were invited and refreshments were served. In April a tea was given for the mothers and the seniors participated in a style show. The W-Teens also were in charge of the morning Easter service held in the auditorium for the student body.

Of the many dances of the year the W-Teens took charge of the Homecoming, which they called "Autumn Leaves". Their winter formal was "Santa's Workshop". They held their semi formal on April 28.

Under the helpful guidance of their sponsor, Mrs. Mary Hubbard, the officers, and the members worked hard this past year to make it tops.

HI-Y

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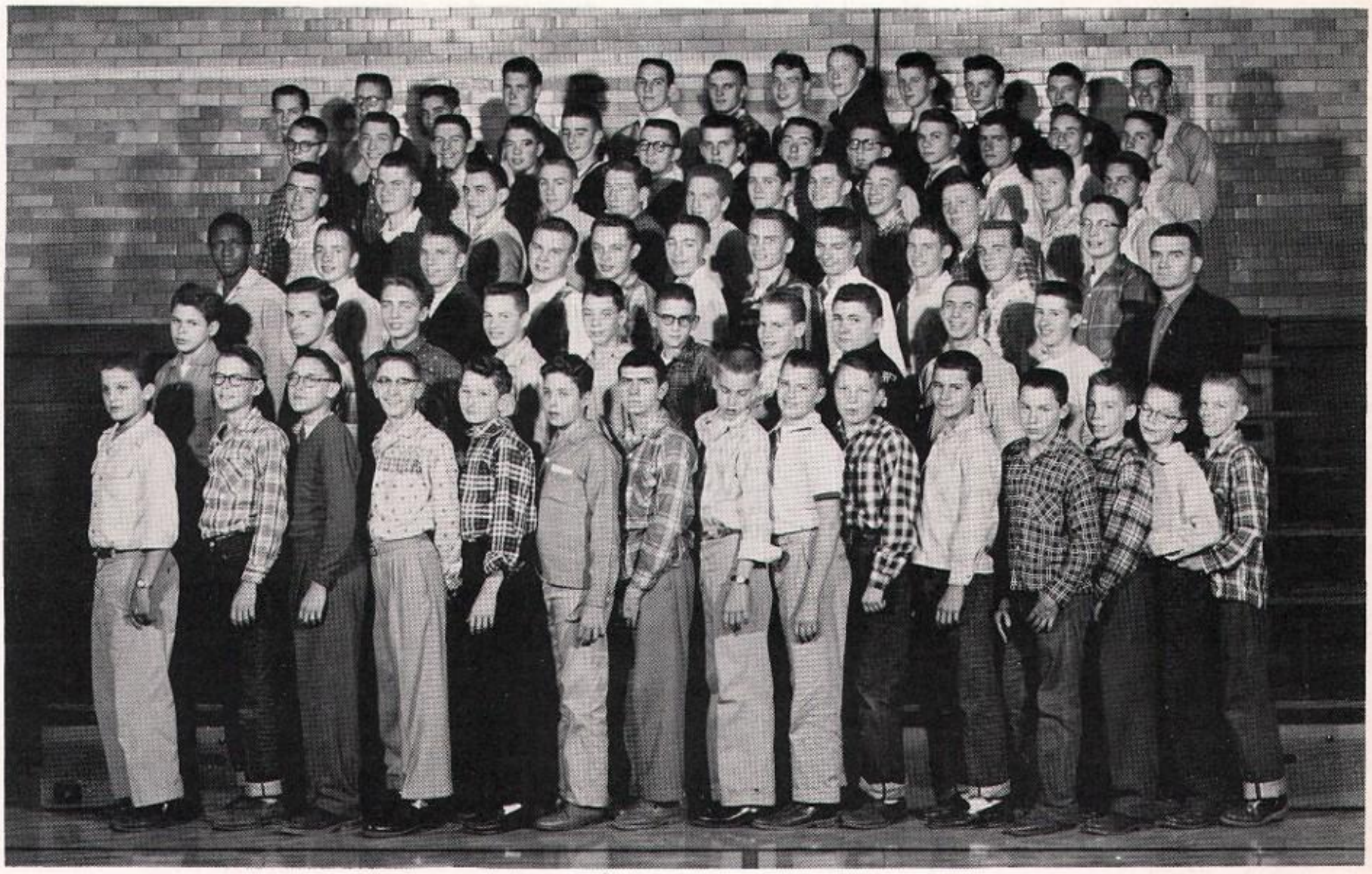
This was the fifth year that the Hi-Y and Key Club have worked together as a single unit. The president of the Hi-Y was John Burns; vice-president, Jerry Allen; secretary, David Landsittel; and treasurer, Alan Hackle. The faculty advisor was Mr. Middleton.

The Key Club was headed by President George Marburger, Vice-President Bob Maxwell, Secretary David Landsittel, and Treasurer, Alan Hackle. The faculty advisor for this club was Mr. Cornwell. The club had eight committees. The social committee, which was headed by John Elliott and Scott Hamilton. This committee was in charge of all the dances including the annual formal which was held on March 17th. The club improvement committee, whose job it was to keep the club room clean and well equipped, was headed by Don Barringer and Bob Hopper. Organizing meetings with other clubs throughout the state was the job of the inter-club committee directed by Dale Blackledge and Howie Stevenson.

KEY CLUB



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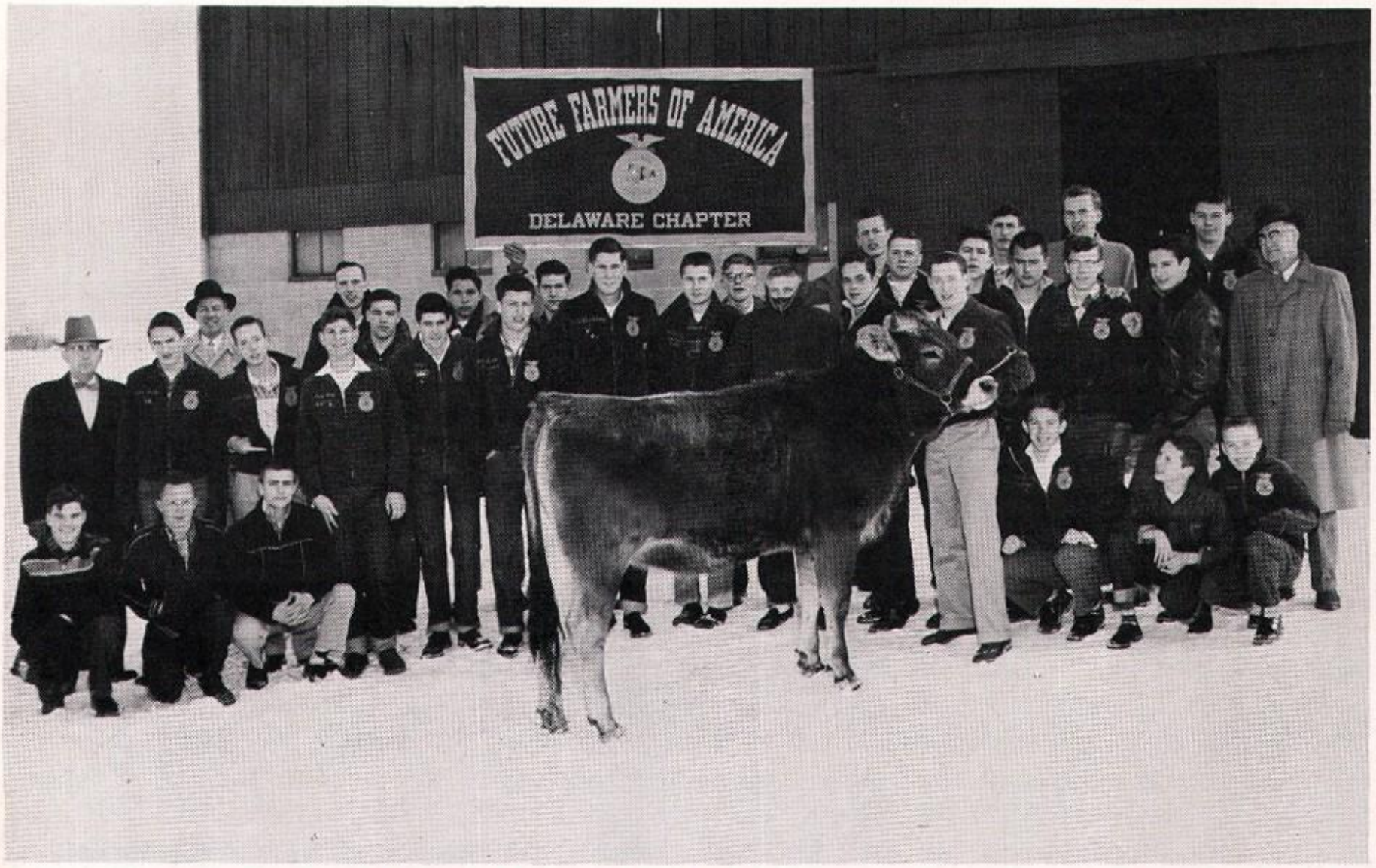
Leading the project committee, whose job it was to direct and plan the many projects throughout the year, were Ed Bigony and Charles Borden. The worship committee, headed by Jim Bossert and John Merrill, was responsible for the religious assemblies held the first Wednesday in the month as a pre-school activity. This committee was also responsible for making arrangements for the club to attend many of the local churches. Heading the program committee was Bill Graham and Larry Hause. This committee was in charge of obtaining speakers for several meetings throughout the year. The recreation committee in charge of sponsoring inner club intramurals was directed by John Bob Talley and Bill Bossert. The publicity committee was in charge of publicizing our activities throughout the town and school. This group was headed by Tommy Thomson and Mickey Seidl.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



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Many projects and field trips have kept the Future Farmers of America busy. Two outstanding trips were highlights of the program. Mr. Beougher and six boys attended the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City. The other trip was to Waldo, where the boys competed in a Parliamentary Procedure Contest. The boys placed second and received a silver medal for their performance.

In the activities around home the boys exhibited livestock at the country fair, where Jerome Donovan had the grand-champion cow. On January 9, many boys attended the John Deere Day program to look at the new tractors and other farm implements which were demonstrated.

In February a scrap drive was held to raise money for the father-son banquet given in March.

The officers were: Dale Blackledge, president; Bob Black, vice-president; Clarence Fraley, reporter; Jim Fouts, treasurer; Roger Schultz, secretary; Don Lobdell, student advisor; Larry Wine, sentinel.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Left to right: Row 1 — J. Nauman, B. Adams, M. Arrington, B. Johnson, M. Bucklew, C. Gale, P. Harter, C. Boyer, C. Parmer, B. Johnson, M. Pickens, H. Hall. Row 2 — J. Crist, S. Mead, E. Coakley, D. Winship, M. Bennett, L. Levacy, I. Maggard, B. Ladd, D. Byus, B. Smith, A. Polites, B. Morgan, A. Barker, Mrs. Jones. Row 3 — G. Fleshman, M. Pool, M. Stanley, B. Allen, G. Stewart, E. Snyder, V. Davenport, H. Johnson, M. Courter, B. Culver, B. Gale, D. Wirick, J. Davis, J. Talkington, D. Arrington. Row 4. — S. Gooding, P. Bachelor, F. Schnees, N. Knight, P. Yost, C. Gabriel, C. Dalton, D. Mead, E. Gruber, S. Jervis, M. Geary, P. Foster, C. Gregory, M. LeMaster.

The Future Homemakers of America was a very useful club and a very busy one.

The girls' activities included a booth at the Parent-Teacher Association carnival, a party honoring the seniors, the mother and daughter banquet, and a regional meeting held at Mount Gilead. Besides these activities the girls did many odd jobs such as baking cookies for teas and serving at banquets.

They worked for degrees such as the Junior Homemaker of Chapter degree and participated in the state program for an award of merit.

The officers were Carol Gregory, president; Sandra Jervis, vice-president; Peggy Harter, secretary; Belva Allen, treasurer; Barbara Gale, historian; Barbara Culver, parliamentarian.

The club advisors were Mrs. W. E. Jones and Mrs. Gerald Cory.

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With the initiation of officers in September, Future Teachers of America began another full year. Those officers initiated were Helen Ufferman, president; Jerry Allen, vice-president; Sandra Tapp, secretary; Sue Parker, treasurer; and Kenny Morris, historian.

The fall trip to Ohio State University was one of the highlights of the year. F.T.A. members toured the campus guided by two Ohio State girls who pointed out many of the university's buildings and well-loved traditions.

During the second semester, many of the club members observed and taught in the elementary schools.

Many times during the year when regular teachers were absent, student F.T.A. members did substitute teaching.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

First row: Julia Drake, Elizabeth Dixon, Joanne Kofoed, Cynda Bayliff, Sandra Green, Betty Coover, Diane Gorsuch. Second row: Lynn Evans, James Bossert, Dick Crose, John Elliott, George Marburger, Bill Graham, Don Barringer, Alan Cavanie.

The twenty-second annual National Honor Society initiation was held April 6, 1956, at which time fifteen seniors became members of the Willis High Chapter of National Honor Society. The honor is bestowed by the faculty on not more than fifteen per cent of the graduating class. Qualities to be taken into consideration are Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Those initiated at the impressive service were: Donald Barringer, Cynda Bayliff, James Bossert, Alain Cavanie, Betty Coover, Richard Crose, Elizabeth Dixon, Julia Drake, John Elliott, Lynn Evans, Diane Gorsuch, Sandra Green, William Graham, Joanne Kofoed, and George Marburger.

Introductory remarks were made by Mr. Graham, who is chairman of the faculty sponsoring committee. Miss Whitted read the names of the new members and gave their outstanding activities during high school. Mr. McCloughan made the presentation of the class, and the response was given by Mr. Graham. Mr. Hopkins then introduced the speaker, Mr. Roy Bossert, who gave the address. As is the custom, the faculty entertained the new members at a luncheon at Bun's Restaurant.

In 1952 a new policy was adopted by the faculty for the election of members. In order to take the voting out of the realm of the subjective, a rating system was devised. The upper third of the graduating class — those who are eligible for National Honor Society — was rated on the basis of the qualifications mentioned above. The students were then ranked from one to thirty-five in order of their rating, and these scores were added together to get the student's standing in these qualifications.

The National Honor Society originated in 1921, and to Edward Rynearson, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, goes much of the credit for the founding of the society. Members of the National Honor Society Committee were: Mrs. Patingale, Mr. Graham, Miss Whitted, and Mr. Moist. They were assisted by Mrs. Homer Wyss.

NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE

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The debate team had a very successful season. The officers were Bill Paynter, president; Hal Wyss, vice-president, and Kay Evans, secretary-treasurer. Seniors debating on the "A" squads this year were John Elliott and Bill Paynter, juniors, also on the "A" squad were Bob Maxwell, Mickey Seidl, Bill Bossert, and Alain Cavanie. The season started at Ohio State on December 10th when the "A" squad had a very favorable showing. Some of the various tournaments attended were, Middletown, Springfield, Columbus North. Concluding the year the "A" squad traveled to the Ohio High School Speech League district contest, the N.F.L. finals and the State Finals which were held on March the 17th.

In the annual Prince of Peace contest Bob Maxwell won the district contests at Springfield and qualified for the State Championship contest.

Earlier in the year Jerry Allen and Mickey Seidl were entered in the district and county tournaments respectively.

The N.F.L. earned money for the year by sponsoring a concession stand at the football games.

LATIN CLUBS

LATIN I

Left to right: Row 1 — B. Wilson, J. Holmes, J. Cross, D. Hopkins, B. Mackley, G. Baughman, C. Warden, D. Wardle. Row 2 — J. Hilborn, J. Moore, L. Schaffner, B. Patrick, B. Maxwell, L. Axline, H. Hearn, J. Green, T. Rybolt, J. Wickham. Row 3 — M. Blackledge, J. Hutchisson, J. Jones, B. Murphy, D. Baird, B. Ufferman, D. O'keefe, G. Crawford, N. Willey, M. Rider, S. Kellar, S. Borland, J. Cain, J. Reed, S. Ross, S. Glaze, C. Deyo, P. Rayburn, C. Fisher, Mrs. Evans, C. Ellis, W. Ebright, L. Bobula. Row 4 — J. Brown, K. Hardin, L. Jackson, S. Lowe, G. McDonald, R. Montgomery, J. Arnold, L. Hall, S. Anderson, H. Cain, Mrs. Evans, J. Barris, J. Hudson.

The first and second year Latin clubs who called themselves the Olympiads, held their meetings this year on the last school day of each month. Crowning their list of big events was the spring banquet. Here, the members, garbed in the traditional tunics and stolas and enjoyed a meal as the Romans might have centuries ago. These costumes were made by the members during class periods.

Other gala events were the state J.C.L. convention at Ohio State University on April 13, the Christmas gift exchange, and the showing of slides by Mrs. Crowl.

The Latin II class officers were Mary Judy Teele and David Landsittel, presidents; Janice Ramey and Linda Carlisle, vice-presidents; and Judy Strimer and Margaret Vance, secretaries; and Nancy Byerly and Bill Roberts, treasurers.

The Latin I class officers were Robert Patrick and Lois Axline, presidents; Jim Hilborn and Tom Rybolt, vice-presidents; Linda Schaffner and Judy Green, secretaries; and Judy Moore and Harriett Hearn, treasurers.

LATIN II

Left to right: Row 1 — R. Gallant, S. George, C. Lobdell, B. Roberts. Row 2 — N. Byerly, J. Ramey, J. Strimer, M. Teele, R. Maxwell, D. Landsittel, M. Vance, L. Carlisle. Row 3 — D. Shaw, D. Ramey, S. Hasty, J. Felts, L. Harris, T. Hughes, N. Patrick, J. Fidler, A. Hackel, P. Clark, N. Avery, J. Courter, C. Blair, J. Crowl, B. McNamee, Mrs. Evans, D. Miller. Row 4 — H. Wyss, G. Opel, P. Fillinger, J. Allen, J. Seidl, B. Perfect, N. Slagle, A. Johnson, J. Hoffman, L. Bayliff, P. Glaze, B. Shearman, G. Downing, R. Lowry.

SPANISH CLUBS

SPANISH I

Left to right: Row 1 — J. Bachelor, C. Graham, N. Harris, J. Melvin, J. Dewey, A. Ross, L. Parks. Row 2 — J. Danison, S. Hobbs, S. Jackson, S. Elder, K. Hirning, B. Barton, B. Levings, S. Pope, B. Harper, C. Geesman, P. Grant, S. Patrick, Miss Bussard. Row 3 — M. Geary, B. Yant, D. Thomkins, S. Gatton, J. Grey, L. Lowry, B. Denton, B. Duffey, W. Carnes, M. Patrick, J. Carnes.

SPANISH II

Left to right: Row 1 — D. Jaccaud, P. Tossey, B. Coover, S. Parker, J. Kofoed, J. Pope, D. Gorsuch, M. Skatz. Row 2 — Miss Bussard, J. Manley, B. Smith, R. Rardon, D. Barkeloo, S. Espenshied, D. Crose, H. Ufferman, H. Rhodes, M. Smith, K. Kern, K. Lobdell, J. Patrick, J. Talley, R. Reaney, L. Hause, J. Jones, B. Rupe. Row 3—V. Robinson, C. Lowry, M. Young, D. Ramsey, C. Green, C. Banks, P. Heineman, D. Mead, P. Hampton, R. Hagar, J. Southard, G. Morris, K. Morris, D. Patrick, K. Jackson, F. Boster.

The Spanish pupils had their own two clubs which met once a month. The Spanish I club, "Club Treintay Tres", consisted of thirty-three members. The officers elected were John Dewey as president, Jane Melvin as vice-president, Angeline Ross as secretary-treasurer, and Naomi Harris as social chairman.

Two of the outstanding programs of the year were the King's Day celebration in January and the Valentines party in February. One of the programs later in the year was devoted to Spanish games.

The Spanish II, "Los Oradores Espanoles", pupils held a Spanish meal in January, a Valentines party, an exhibit by the Rolosons, and a farewell party for the seniors. Their officers were Joanne Kofoed, president; Sue Parker, vice-president; Judy Pope, secretary-treasurer, and Betty Coover, social chairman.

Both Spanish and French clubs joined efforts and held a Mardi Gras costume party in March, a biannual event.

FRENCH CLUBS

FRENCH I
Left to right: S. Dimon, S. Stiles, M. Reed, F. Alter, L. Dickey, J. DeWalt. Row 2 — H. Johnson, S. Hagaman, T. Masters, J. Crawford, D. Mooney, N. Wickham, S. Wygle, Miss Bussard.

FRENCH II
Left to right: Row 1 — D. Jaccaud, P. Thomas, D. Crose, L. Dixon, B. Jaccaud, L. Longwell, M. Hilborn, S. Dorsey. Row 2 — B. Smith, D. Bump, B. Culver, S. Espenshied, N. Harris, N. Osborn, M. Evans, J. Patrick, B. Burns, J. Long, J. Drake, Miss Bussard. Row 3 — M. Sheets, K. Morris, H. Stephenson, J. Bossert, F. Grubbs, L. Evans, R. Reaney, M. Greene. Not listed, C. Bayliff.

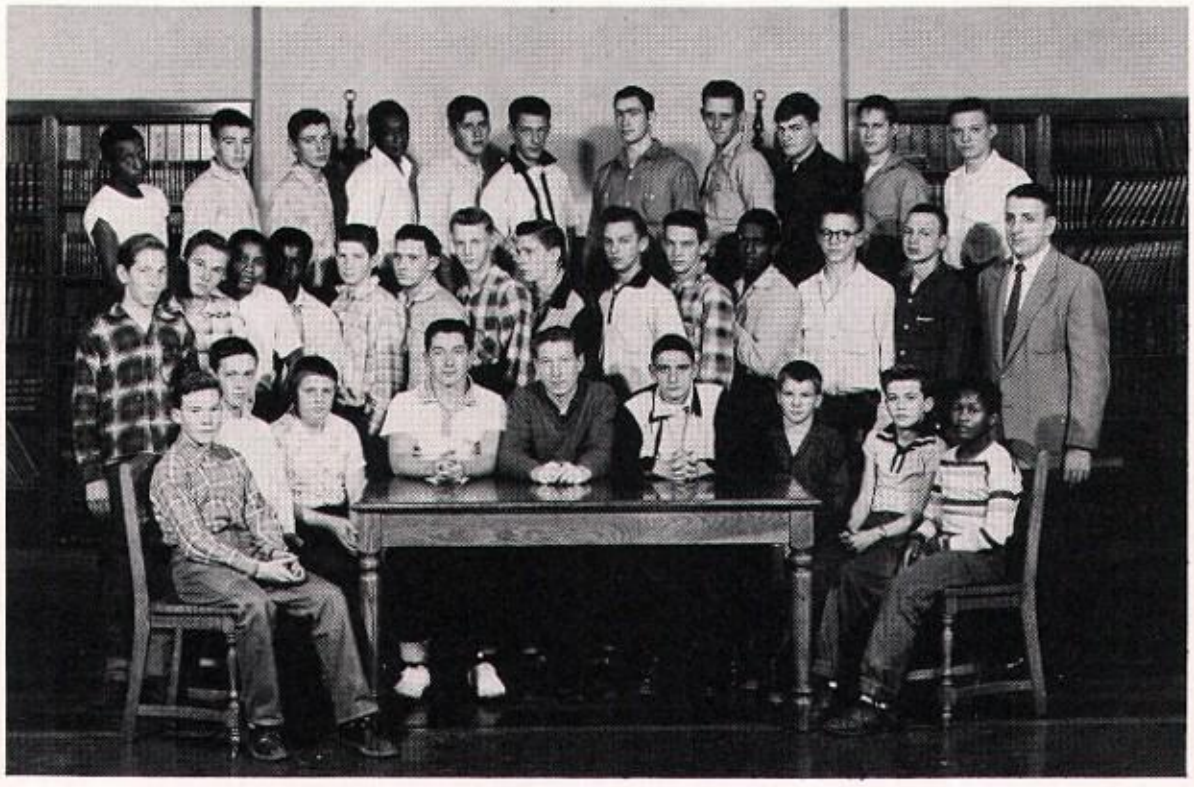
"Les Treize Heureux," the "Lucky Thirteen," was the name of the first year French club. Their presiding officers were: Frances Alter, president; Marcia Reed, vice-president; Linda Dickey, secretary, and Shirley Stiles, social chairman.

A few of the items on the list of events were the French breakfast in December, the King's Day party in January, a Valentines party in February, and a Pen Pal program in May.

The second year French club took the name "Les Meilleurs", translated as, "The Best". The officers they elected were Bob Jaccaud, president; Liz Dixon, vice-president; Linda Longwell, secretary-treasurer; and Dick Crose, social chairman. This club also held a breakfast and Pen Pal program. Fay Vogle, who spent a year abroad, spoke to the club during one of their programs.

Together with the Spanish clubs, the French Clubs held the biannual Mardi Gras. This costume party was held in March.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS



Left to right: Seated — H. Merriman, K. Payne, D. Oberly, J. Carnes, R. Ebright, R. Spencer, S. Acker, J. Freeman, F. Jordan. Row 2 — K. Deel, G. Aspery, R. Simpson, D. Hill, J. Cox, L. Weatherall, H. Cranor, D. Corwin, R. Jones, G. Woods, K. Jackson, D. Thompson, T. Heineman, Mr. Chase. Row 3 — L. Hill, H. Bradley, D. Hauseman, L. Wilson, N. Davenport, C. Ward, K. Lobdell, F. Gooding, J. Murfield, D. Morris, D. Patrick.

The Industrial Arts Club had many activities this year. The most important one, however, was the annual spring open house. Here were shown displays of the boys' projects with open shops showing demonstrations. The club is built on this principle; to give more chances to work on a pet project as there would be no time for them in class.

The club elected these boys as their officers for the year: Bob Ebright, president; Bob Spencer, vice-president; Jon Carnes, secretary.

PRINT CREW

Left to right: H. Cranor, R. Jones, Mr. Morris, L. Hill, D. Morris, J. Murfield.

The Willis High School Print Crew was a very useful organization. They handled many small printing jobs around Willis, such as play and dance programs, basketball and football schedules, tickets, etc. The crew even made Christmas cards for the faculty.

The club was organized in 1954 and its purpose is to provide an interesting club for those who like printing.

Most of the work done by the print crew was accomplished during study halls and any moments of spare time the boys had available. One big event of the year was an open house in which all members participated.

POPULAR MUSIC

Left to right: Row 1 — N. Willey, G. Stewart, S. Williams, E. Snyder, C. Green, J. Batchelor, C. Ward, C. Warden. Row 2 — V. Davenport, C. Wilson, S. Dimon, N. Jamison, M. Welch, J. Askins, C. Dawson, D. Wilson, Miss Plum, P. Tossey. Row 3 — D. Mead, C. Banks, W. Carnes, J. Talkington, C. Cumston, P. Heineman.

The Popular Music Club had as its purpose the enjoyment of all types of music. When the club met, the pupils either participated or joined in singing popular songs, folk songs, and hillbilly songs.

Emma Snyder was program chairman and her associates were Grace Stewart, Sandy Williams, John Bachelor, and Sherry Green.

MAJOR MINOR

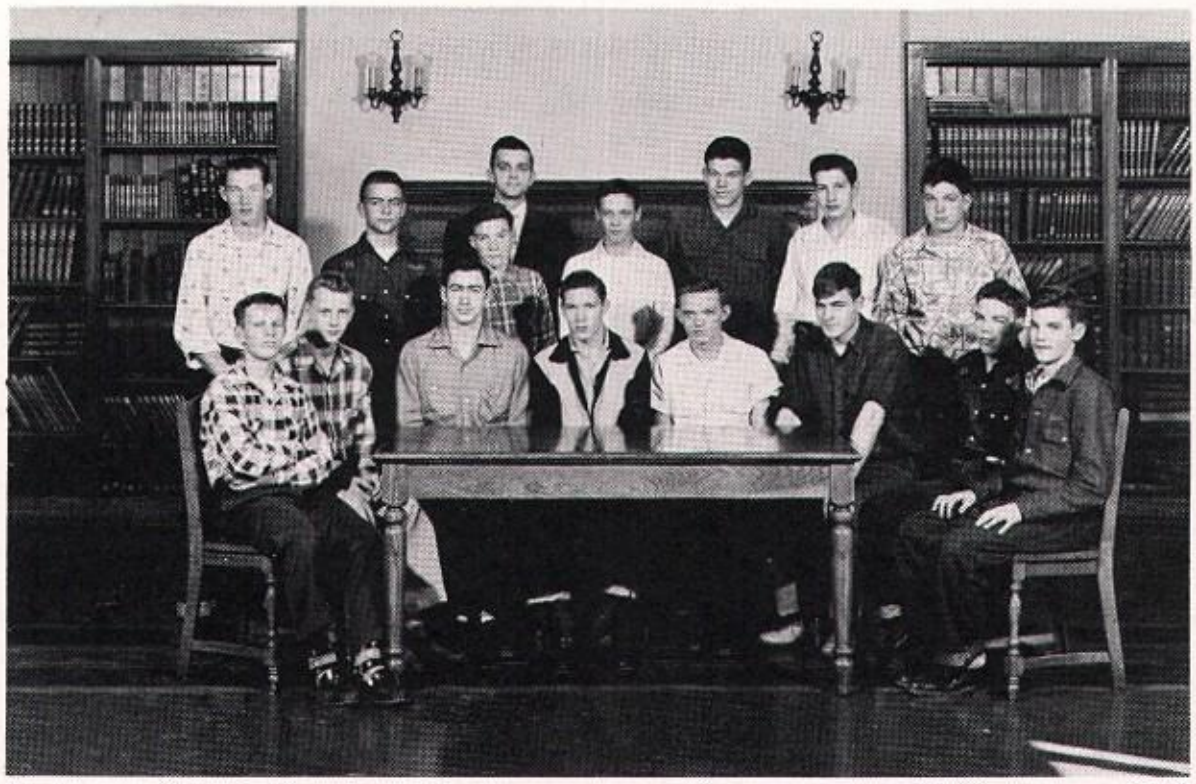
Left to right: Row 1 — J. Felts, M. Greene, S. Stiles, K. Evans, M. Teele, A. Johnson, R. Reaney, B. Smith. Row 2 — J. Ramey, M. Young, L. Bayliff, C. Blair, J. Hudson, T. Hughes, J. Allen, D. Ferguson, S. Pope, Miss Plum. Not pictured, C. Bayliff.

The Major-Minor Club, a member of the National Music Society, held its meetings once a month. The officers were Kay Evans, president; Mary Judy Teele, vice-president; Ann Johnson, secretary; Shirley Stiles, treasurer.

At the beginning of the year the officers got together and planned the program for each month. Each month different members of the club participated in the program by singing, playing the piano, or playing musical instruments.

A program, which included everyone in the club, was presented to the senior high in May.

RADIO



Left to right: Row 1 — G. Crawford, H. Cranor, K. Lobdell, D. Corwin, D. Patrick, J. Murfield, B. Bradley, H. Bradley, T. Myers. Row 2 — J. Donovan, E. Black, H. Merriman, Mr. Morris, K. Payne, M. Shenefield, W. Dalton, W. Smith.

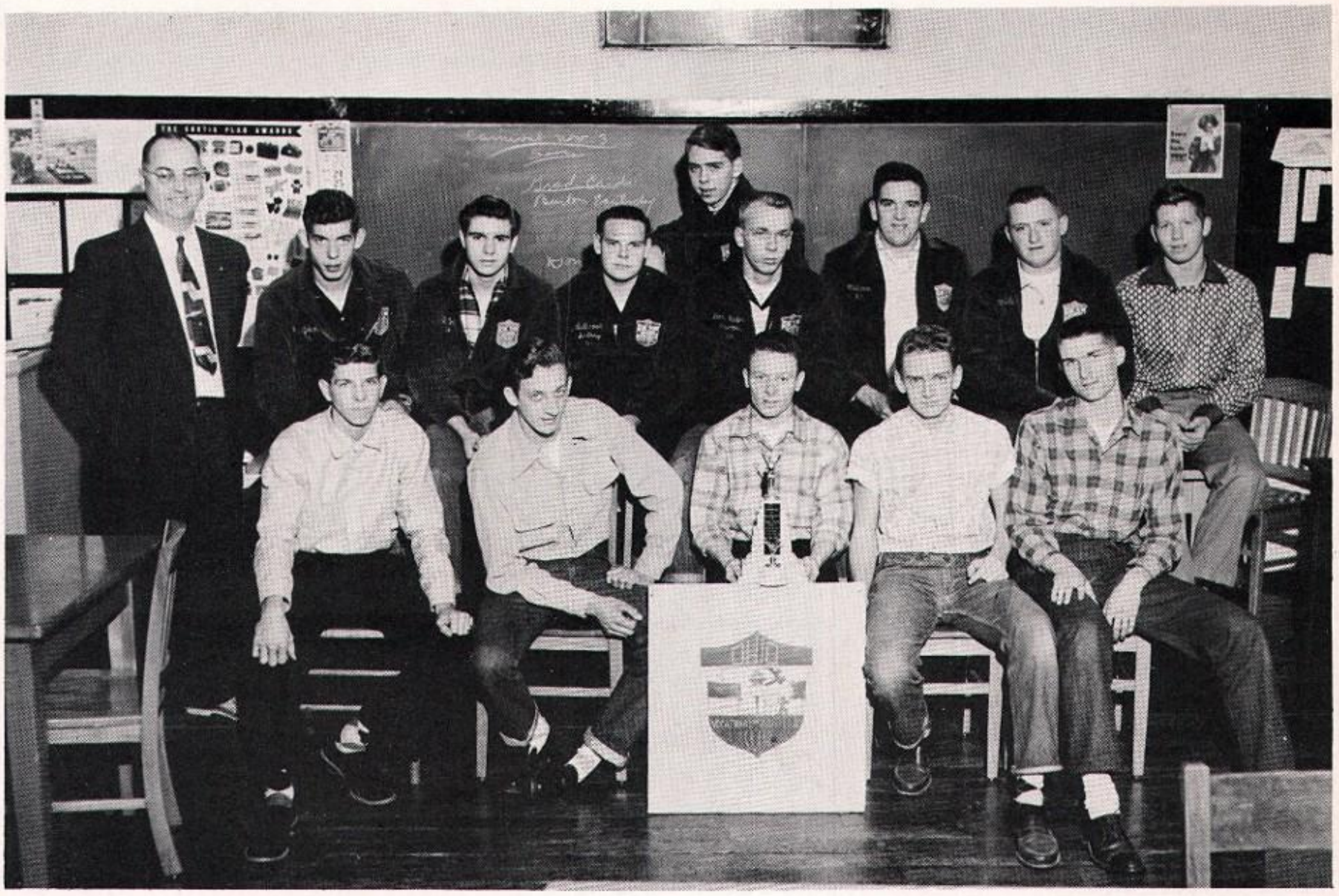
"Calling W-I-L-L-I-S, calling W-I-L-L-I-S, come in Mickey Mouse." This may sound a little far-fetched, but they do have fun. The radio club has been busy studying code. Many members have been working toward their amateur license. The club studied the parts of the radio. Some of the members have their own home stations.

SHUTTERBUGS

Left to right: Seated — L. Mills, J. Jordan, F. Jordan, D. Morris, J. Powers, J. Carnes, S. Acker, J. Freeman. Row 2 — D. Penn, M. Buckham, K. Deel, J. Downey, R. Holt, T. Heineman, R. Jones, J. Crawford, G. Woods, N. Davenport, D. Thompson, R. Spencer, D. Oberle, J. Batchelor.

Shutterbugs is a club for high school students interested in photography. Any student is eligible to become a member by paying the registration fee and the monthly dues and passing the initiation. The meetings were held bi-monthly. The president was Jim Powers.

VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL



Left to right: Row 1 — B. Stevens, R. Azbell, E. Jordan, M. Disbennett, B. Easterday. Row 2 — Mr. Dale Bowman, D. Johns, W. Caldwell, W. Pool, R. Stults, D. Rupe, J. Shively, J. McMillen, R. Logue.

In November members attended the V.I.C. convention in Columbus. The V.I.C. float won first place in the Homecoming parade.

The biggest event of the year took place in December when six boys went to Detroit. While they were there they stayed in the dormitory at Greenfield Village. During the trip they went through the Ford Museum, the Ford Plant, the new Plymouth engine plant. The boys were guests of the Ford Plant for a turkey dinner. This trip was financed by the boys' sales of Christmas and All Occasion cards.

The V.I.C. sent delegates to the state capital, for a government day in February.

Another big event was the annual Employer and Employee Steak dinner which was held on March 8th. Approximately fifty employers and their wives and employees attended this dinner.

The Vocational Industrial Club had a good year under the leadership of Mr. Dale Bowman.

D-CLAN

Left to right: Row 1 — T. Gallant, B. Johnson, B. Yant, B. Bossert, J. Talley, M. Seidl, D. Thomkins, J. Nibert. Row 2 — J. Fouts, H. Stephenson, C. Geesman, L. Hopper, H. Maggard, T. Thomson, L. Hause, T. Shakelford, B. Black, D. Harter. Row 3 — B. Hopper, J. Burns, C. Sheets, G. Marburger, B. Graham, D. Campbell.

The D-Clan is a boys' club made up of all the varsity letter winners of Willis High's interscholastic athletic teams. The aim of this club is to promote and maintain good, clean athletics. Any boy receiving a varsity "D" in sports is eligible for membership. The winning of a "D" requires active participation in a varsity sport and only one "D" is given to an athlete. After the boys win their letter, the sportsmen receive a gold bar for each year thereafter. The captains of the teams receive a gold star to add to their letter.

This year the D-Clan was busy selling popcorn at the football games. The big event for the year was the annual spring banquet. Officers for the 1955-56 year were President, John Talley; Vice-President, Ed Raduggee; Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Bossert.

REC CENTER

Left to right: Row 1 — J. Jones, G. MacDonald, J. Melvin, T. Shakelford, B. Perfect, B. Johnson, H. Hearn, F. Jordan. Row 2 — Mr. Tucker, S. Baker, S. Black, L. Bobula, M. Skatz, J. Hilborn, V. Roberts. Row 3 — A. Hackel, J. Morris, D. Blackledge, J. Merrill, S. Lowe.

The Youth Recreation Center, located in the old North School on North Washington Street, provides wholesome recreation for all Willis High students. Dancing, pool, table tennis, table games, and shuffle board are among the attractions. A snack bar provides refreshments at low cost. The "rec" is open every night except Sunday unless there is an all-school event. Hours are from 7:00 to 8:30 for junior high students and 7:00 to 9:30 for high school students. Week-end hours are extended one hour for each group. The youth center is governed by a student committee appointed by the student body president. Price of admission is five cents per evening or twenty-five cents for a monthly ticket.

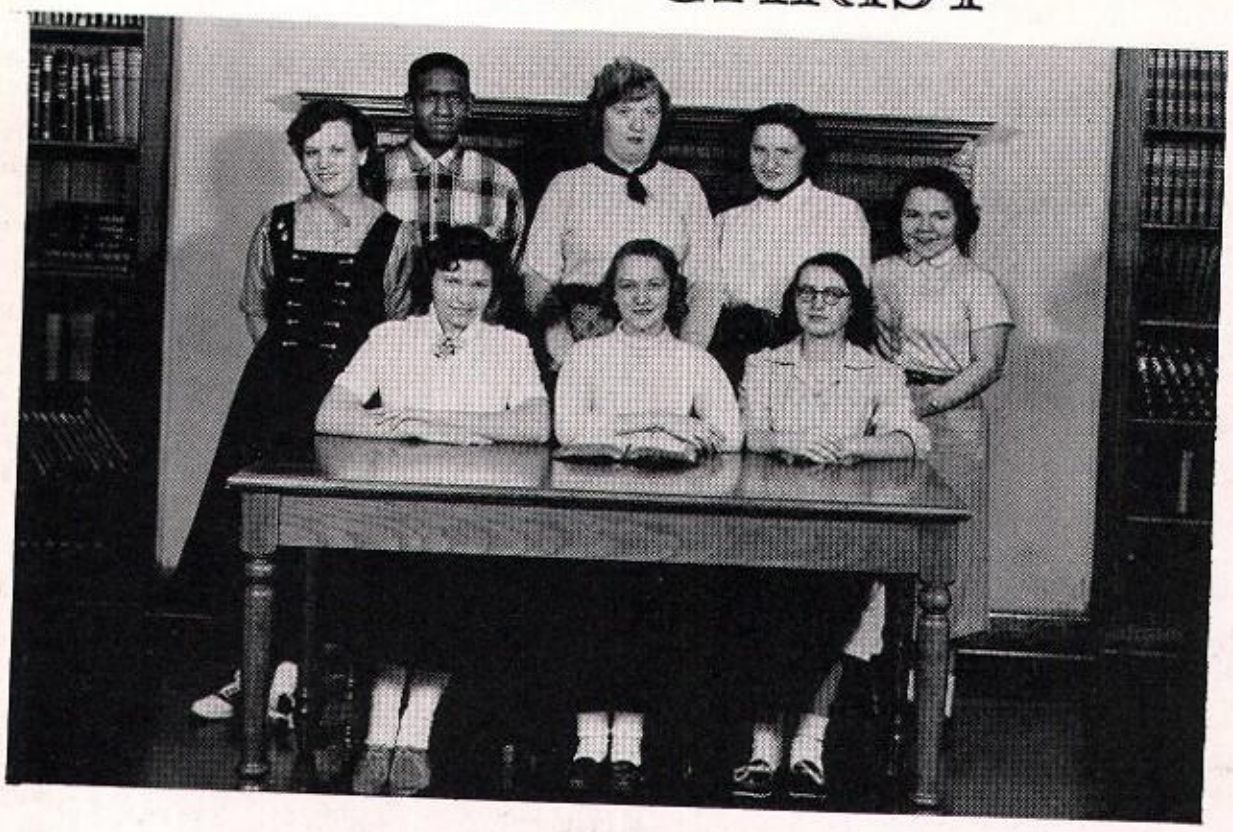
The recreation committee is under the leadership of Ted Shackleford, president; Beth Perfect, vice-president; Jane Melvin, secretary; Bob Johnson, treasurer; Allen Tucker, faculty advisor, and Mrs. Ed Bobule, P.-T.A. advisor.

The records were in charge of Sandy Baker, Steve Lowe, Sandy Black, Lynn Bobule, and Fostene Jordan. Dale Blackledge was the chairman of maintenance with Melinda Skatze, Alan Hackel, Jim Hilborn and Alice Toney helping. The members of the social and planning committees were Bob Johnson, Jane Melvin, Harriett Hearn, Vickie Roberts, and Gary McDonald. John Merrill was the chairman of the rules and regulation committee. On his committee were Beth Perfect, John Jones, and John Morris.

During the year the "Rec" members met with the parents dnd set up rules and regulations by which each member of the "Rec" or any person going to the "Rec" must abide. These rules concerned the use of cars, excessive noise and closing time. Any person found disobeying these rules were taken before the court composed of the committee members and parents.

The recreation committee had a Hallowe'en and Christmas party during the year. They also sanded the floors to make dancing easier.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST



Left to right: Seated — R. Levings, J. Davis, M. Samuels. Standing — B. Morgan, K. Jackson, G. Fleshman, D. Mead, H. Hall.

Youth For Christ is a club dedicated to the youth of Willis High School. This club had their meeting every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:50 A. M. The club was in its second year.

The members held a Christmas party on December 8th. All needy children of the city were invited to be guests at the party.

The project the Y. F. C. undertook was to supply hymnals for the high school auditorium. The officers were Jean Davis, president; Margaret Samuels, vice-president; Ruth Levings, secretary; and Fred Grubbs, treasurer.

JUNIOR HIGH DELHI HELPERS

Left to right: Row 1 — N. Moses, B. Ingraham, S. Flowers, K. Baird, C. Hahn, S. Pursel. Row 2 — L. Sarver, B. Ross, M. Blair, J. Barringer, S. Brimhall, N. Jackson, C. Morgan, S. Martin. Row 3 — J. Berry, K. McElfresh, A. Campbell, K. Jones, C. Disbennett, S. Bayliff, M. Carson, T. Sell, R. Kebker, S. Scott, B. Elder.

The 1956 Delhi has had some wonderful workers this year. The business staff, headed by Jim Bossert, has had the assistance of the Junior High. Betsey Ingraham, Karen Baird, and Sondra Flowers have done much of the advertising for the yearbook. Many posters, displayed in the halls, have been made by these girls. Many of the workers have been counting tax stamps. One of the projects was to cut out pennants to stick on the cafeteria trays to advertise for subscriptions to the yearbook.

THIS IS OUR PROBLEM!

LIVEWIRE

Left to right: Row 1 — S. Pursel, C. Disbennett, K. Jones, J. Burkhart, S. Bayliff, D. Stewart, L. Lawson, V. DeVries, M. Maxwell, K. Baird, B. Ingraham. Row 2 — M. Hopkins, S. Owen, J. Rapp, R. Nutt, C. Fogle, J. Ballard, Mrs. Roof, B. Strimer, S. O'Keefe, S. Geesman, L. Sarver.

Because of the increased enrollment in the junior high, the Live Wire was the only activity in which the pupils could participate.

The Live Wire for this year was handled in a different manner. Instead of having a regular staff, the pupils volunteered in English class to write the articles. Mrs. Roof was in charge of the seventh grade English classes.

The paper included the various sections of jokes, gossip, and creative writing. Several girls did the art-work for the paper which usually contained about six pages and was sold for five cents a copy.

The paper sponsored a writing contest with cash awards.

INTRAMURALS

8TH GRADE CHAMPS

Left to right: Row 1 — B. Simpson, J. Jervis, D. Ward, D. Robinson, E. Kern, B. Rupe, L. Hill, S. Yoder, B. Blair. Row 2 — Mr. Keller, L. Lowry, J. Liggett, S. Buzard, C. Smith, D. Segner, H. Banks, L. Hamilton.

7TH GRADE CHAMPS

Left to right: Row 1 — M. Blair, V. DeVries, J. Holmes, P. Oman, L. Lawson. Row 2 — C. Ellis, R. Strimer, D. Bertram, J. Robinson, R. Lorish, Mr. Keller.

Because of the crowded conditions in the junior high this year, the intramural program was limited. Since there were thirteen homerooms — eighth and seventh combined — not everyone could always play.

The games played were kickball and basketball. The eighth grade played every other Tuesday during activity period and the seventh grade played every other Thursday during activity period. Champions were named at the end of each sporting event.

THESPIANS

Left to right: Row 1 — S. Espenshied, B. Coover, J. Bossert, W. Thompson, L. Evans, J. Kofoed, D. Gorsuch. Row 2 — Mrs. Patingale, Mrs. Evans, E. Dixon, S. Baker, R. Reaney, S. Tapp, L. Bayliff, R. Piatt, J. Drake, S. Marks, H. Ufferman, Miss Whitted, Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Jones. Row 3 — W. Gross, E. Bigony, L. Bowen, R. Maxwell, J. Allen, J. Elliott, R. Crose, G. Marburger, F. Grubbs, J. Merrill, A. Hackel. Not pictured — C. Bayliff.

Troupe 420 of the National Thespian Society started the 1955-56 year with the scheduled fall play, "Time Out for Ginger." Although not every member of the cast was a Thespian, the group was well represented. Several persons make themselves eligible for Thespians by working on crews or in the cast.

A spring initiation was held this year.

The members had dinner and attended Wesleyan's production of "The Crucible." In January Troupe 420 attended one of Ohio State's productions.

Plans were made throughout the year for the sending of a play to the National Thespian Convention at Indiana University. The play selected to go was "Sunday Costs Five Pesos."

The officers for the group were: Tom Thomson, president; Cynda Bayliff, vice-president; Lynn Evans, secretary; and Jim Bossert, treasurer.

TIME OUT FOR GINGER

by Ronald Alexander

Cast in order of appearance:

Lizzie ..... Lynda Bayliff
Agnes Carol ..... Betty Coover
Howard Carol ..... Jerry Allen
Joan ..... Cynda Bayliff
Jeannie ..... Judy Strimer
Ginger ..... Sandra Espenshied
Eddie Davis ..... John Jewett
Tommy Green ..... Robert Maxwell
Mr. Wilson ..... John Merrill
Ed Hoffman ..... Tom Thomson

Production Staff: Director, Kathryn E. Hearn; Student Director, Joanne Kofoed; Prompters, Janet Allen, Trilby Hughes; Stage Manager, John Morris; Lights, William Gross; Costumes, Linda Carlisle; Properties, Judy Pope; Make-up, Rachel Reaney, Shirley Stiles; Business, Richard Crose; Publicity, James Bossert, Elizabeth Dixon; Head Usher, Julia Drake.

"Wasn't Pop lucky to have three lovely daughters? He was sure tops in our minds, too. Not every girl is fortunate enough to have a father like ours."

"Eddie and Joan hit it off swell Sometimes Mr. Carol thought they stayed out too late."

"He-man Eddie really thought he was big stuff in the world of sports."

"Jeanne really looked like a queen, didn't she?"

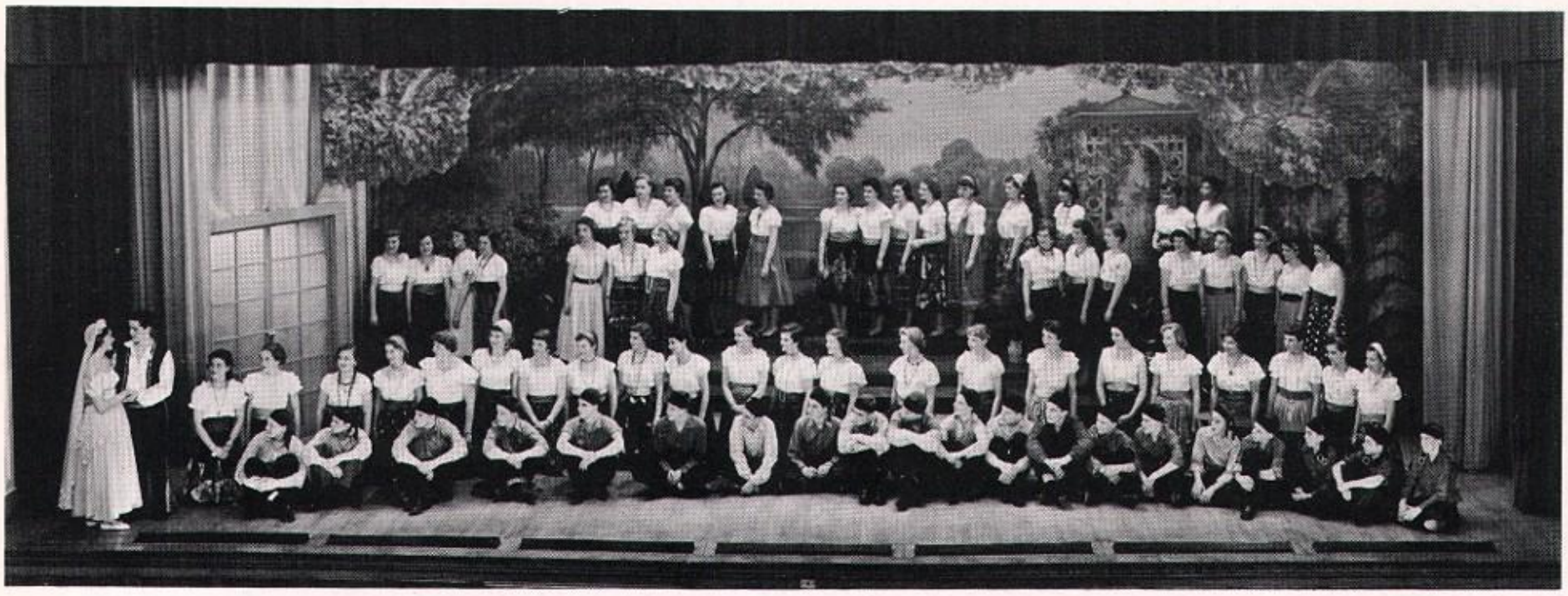
"Gee, we were proud of her."

"Mom really looks happy about something. Wonder what happened?"

"Here is Ed Hoffman, Pop's close friend."

THE FORTUNE TELLER

by Victor Herbert



BOOTH AND STAGE CREWS

Left to right: J. Bossert, J. Burns, W. Bossert, B. Burns, G. Marburger.

Left to right: Row 1 — H. Cranor, C. Sheets, P. George. Row 2 —J. Allen, J. Morris, W. Gross, E. Bigony, A. Hackel.

The stage crew's work consisted of pulling the curtain, working the lights, keeping all the ropes in top-notch condition, repairing all lights, setting up stage sets, and many more jobs unseen by the audience. In order to do this they must give up their study halls, free time after school, and many evenings before a big production.

The main duty of the booth crew was to run the 35-mm. projector for special movies we have during the year. They not only ran movies but also checked every film for defects which had to be corrected before they show the film. In addition they checked the projectors and kept them in perfect running condition.

The Willis Thespian Chapter was asked to present a one-act play production at the National Thespian Convention held bi-annually at the University of Indiana. Mrs. N. S. Hearn and the Thespian players presented "Sunday Costs Five Pesos." The one-act play is a farce taking place in beautiful Mexico.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

Left to right: Row 1 — Miss Birdsell, B. Ladd, M. Teele, J. Strimer, N. Slagle, M. Green, C. Crumb, J. Ramey. Row 2 — N. Harris, J. Allen, L. Longwell, S. Pope, M. Young, N. Dimon, Miss Thisel. Row 3 — R. Hagar, M. Sheets, B. Shearman, C. Blair, C. Gregory, L. Johnson, L. Bayliff.

SENIOR CHORUS

Left to right: Row 1 — J. Felts, S. Kellar, B. Johnson, J. Cain, C. Fisher, J. Crowl, M. Smith, D. Ramsey, L. Schaffner, P. Tossey, Miss Plum. Row 2 — J. DeWalt, N. Byerly, J. Hudson, J. Green, J. Reed, H. Hearn, K. Hardin, B. Fillinger, C. Ellis, S. Dimon, C. Deyo. Row 3 — J. Dewey, B. Mackley, D. O'Keefe, C. Warden, D. Hopkins, J. Hilborn, J. Cross, D. Baird, G. Bauman, A. Hursey. Row 4 — H. Maggard, J. Nibert, M. Patrick, D. Mooney, R. Montgomery, S. Lowe, T. Rybolt, T. Masters, J. Arnold, D. Morgan, T. Carnes.

Left to right: Row 1 — S. Stiles, K. Evans, N. Clipson, B. Coover, C. Bayliff, L. Dixon, J. Grey, A. Ross, L. Evans, B. Robbins. Row 2 — S. Tapp, R. Piatt, K. Kern, H. Ufferman, D. Ferguson, A. Smith, F. Alter, J. Jones, N. Torrence, S.

SENIOR CHOIR

The Willis High singing groups, under the direction of Miss Eliza Plum, have brought their variety of enjoyable music to the school and to the public on many occasions.

The senior high choir sang at the annual Thanksgiving and Easter religious assemblies. The choir participated at Baccaleureate by singing several selections. From the choir were chosen the Triple Trio and Boys Octette. When the two combined they became known as the Choral Ensemble. The Ensemble sang at a teachers' conference, the Republican Women's meeting, a Kiwanis district meeting, the Junior-Senior, the WLW Talent show, the Easter Ball, the P.-T. A., Key Club convention, the UN meeting, and the Christmas concert. The Triple Trio sang at the W-Teen formal. The accompanists for the Senior Choir were Jim Bossert and Julia Drake.

The Glee Club was something new at Willis this year. It was made up of twenty girls. Janet Allen and Mary Judy Teele were the accompanists for the group.

Baker, S. Black, P. Walden. Row 3 — G. Marburger, J. Talley, D. Barringer, L. Hopper, A. Hackel, L. Hause, F. Grubbs, R. Johnson, T. Thomson, F. Boster, D. Crose, S. Patrick, J. Carnes, Miss Plum.

The Senior Chorus is a group that was formed in order to give more opportunities to students with an interest in choral music. It was formed two years ago and is under the direction of Miss Eliza Plum.

The chorus is selected by tryouts that are open to the entire school. The Senior Chorus consists of mostly freshman and sophomores. The older students may try out for Senior Choir. Sue Martin was accompanist for the chorus group.

Highlight of the music department was the Christmas Concert presented in the high school auditorium. The concert presented just the music groups of Willis.

The program consisted of the junior high choir, the girls' glee club, the senior chorus, the senior choir, an instrumental ensemble, and the choral ensemble. The choral ensemble, consisting of the girls' triple trio and the boys' octette, presented " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas." The group appeared in night clothes and night caps. Jim Bossert directed the choral ensemble. The senior high groups ended with the "Hallelujah Chorus" and the candlelight recessional with the singing of the beloved "Silent Night."

TRIPLE TRIO

Left to right: R. Reaney, B. Coover, S. Stiles, H. Ufferman, S. Tapp, J. Drake, C. Bayliff, E. Dixon, L. Evans.

BOYS' OCTETTE

Left to right: D. Barringer, L. Hopper, L. Hause, F. Grubbs, R. Crose, S. Patrick, W. Thomson, F. Boster.

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR

Left to right: Row 1 — T. Vickerman, D. Matthews, S. Clark, N. Harris, S. Organ, B. Simpson, P. Maxey, P. Mercer, J. Ackerman, S. Brimhall, C. Morgan, J. Brown, J. Brodnax. Row 2 — K. Oller, P. Smith, B. Payne, L. Fitzgerald, L. Hill, N. McDonald, P. Cain, S. Kiernan, S. Piper, G. Smith, T. Stomp, R. Morrison. Row 3 — D. Drylie, P. Harper, R. Taylor, K. McElfresh, P. Piper, S. Scott, N. Moses, T. Sell, S. Flowers, A. Campbell, S. Bayliff. Row 4 — M. Wareham, P. Oman, T. Sheets, S. Saulsbury, M. Cranor, E. Kern, R. Covrett, T. Fox, J. Berry, J. Burkhart. Row 5 — D. Segner, K. Terry, D. Dickey, S. Buzard, R. Bonner.

Left to right: Row 1 — C. Horn, K. Baird, E. Amick, J. Shirling, C. Owen, S. Donovan, B. Ingraham, M. Maxwell, N. Jackson, S. O'Keefe, N. Hough. Row 2 — M. Dorsey, B. Yant, B. Ross, A. Moore, M. Blair, J. Dever, S. Devadutt, J. Meyers, J. Barringer, D. Winship, B. Elder. Row 3 — S. Pursel, S. Parks, D. Hursey, S. Martin, D. Stewart, L. Lawson, J. Robinson, M. Hamilton, B. Strimer, C. Hahn, S. Patrick, R. Lorish.

THE BAND OF WILLIS

Willis High School can be very proud of the Delaware Willis marching and concert bands. They gave numerous hours of entertainment for the high school and the citizens of Delaware.

The band had eighty-seven marching members plus six high stepping majorettes. The majorettes for the 1955-56 band were Helen Ufferman, Patty Thomas, Nancy Rinker, Betty Blair, Becky Smith, and Linda Longwell.

The band had the opportunity to play for many occasions during the school year. Their various activities included the fair, homecoming, and all of the football games.

The winter concert held January 31st featured the Junior High Cadet Band and the Senior High Concert Band. The spring concert in May included fourth, fifth, sixth, junior high, and the senior high concert bands.

MAJORETTES

Left to right: Row 1 — B. Smith, P. Thomas, B. Blair. Row 2 — L. Longwell, N. Rinker, H. Ufferman.

The high school band traveled to both the district and state finals in their contest work this year.

Another attraction in the springtime is the annual banquet. It is sponsored by the Band Parents Boosters Club and it is at this time that the awards are handed out. The awards are given according to the number of years of participation in the high school band. At the end of one year a letter is awarded, the second year a bar and for each additional year a bar is awarded until the senior year when both a bar and a silver key are presented.

The Pep Band added a great deal of pep and enthusiasm wherever they played. Just about every week the entire school crowded into the gym and a high spirited student body joined in clapping and singing with the Delaware Willis Pep Band.

The band was composed of members selected from the marching band. They played at all pep rallies and occasionally at assembly. They also participated in the Christmas Concert.

Mr. Robert Smith was the director and Julia Drake, the student director.

PEP BAND

Left to right: Row 1 — D. Landsittle, J. Merrill, D. Blackledge, J. Drake, B. Burns, L. Bayliff, A. Hackel, D. Shaw. Row 2 — R. Rardon, J. Klamfoth, B. Lowry, S. Baker, F. Grubbs, W. Graham, K. Hagelgans, D. Ferguson. Row 3 — B. Shearman, W. Carnes, D. Mooney, S. Hasty.

Left to right: Row 1 — R. Piatt, R. Reaney, J. Grey, J. Ramey, J. Moore, B. Robbins, J. Allen, N. Clipson. Row 2 —
Smith, J. Merrill, D. Blackledge, K. Evans, W. Gross, W. Graham, L. Bowen, F. Grubbs, C. Sheets, E. Bigony, L. Harris,
Ufferman, R. Montgomery, C. Blair, J. Bossert, M. Campbell, J. O'Neal. Row 3 — S. Marks, S. Black, L. Rardon, D. La
sittle, N. Wickham, N. Osborn, A. Smith, K. Hagelgans, C. Gregory, D. Ferguson, D. Lobdell, R. Gallant, E. Black,
Ebright, J. Hutchisson, G. Parks, H. Wyss, J. Donovan, N. Patrick, D. O'Keefe, M. Evans, M. Hilborn, L. Johnson, S. Bal

w 4 — S. Jackson, B. McNamee, V. Robinson, K. Hardin, L. Schaffner, B. Wilson, D. Baird, J. Shively, D. Mooney, W. rnes, J. Cross, B. Fillinger, L. Bayliff, A. Hackel, D. Shaw, J. Jewett, F. Boster, B. Burns, J. Drake, G. Miller, W. Bossert, Gale, M. Vance, C. Hager, R. Lowry, J. Klamforth, L. Barrett, R. Rardon, J. Allen. Row 5 — M. Teele, Mr. Ross, Mr. ith, B. Shearman, S. Hasty. Not pictured — R. Keller, J. Talley, M. Young, L. Melvin.

JUNIOR HIGH BAND

Left to right: Row 1 — B. Carnes, J. Marburger, D. Boster, R. Hackel, B. Ingraham, S. Flowers, K. Baird, B. Ross, S. Owen, V. Roberts, M. Wareham. Row 2 — M. Carsen, J. Weiser, S. Bayliff, S. Scott, J. Barringer, J. Rapp, R. Clark, B. Bollinger, B. Rupe, A. Jeisel, J. Cox, P. Fidler, E Starkero, M. Bigony, E. VanDerVoort. Row 3 — H. Banks, R. Ebright, S. Patrick, L. Brackney, L. Barrett, S. O'Keefe, R. Shipman, M. Hamilton, R. Downing, D. Patrick, S. Donovan, P. Welch, C. Main, C. Mullins, B. Bell, B. Benton, M. Hopkins. Row 4 — D. McCoy, L. Turney, B. Simpson, L. Hill, D. Whetsel, D. Griffith, R. Kebker, P. Hagaman, R. Nutt, J. Dimon, C. Horn, J. Young, L. Sheets, B. Rapp, T. Gallant, R. Dienst, T. Longwell, J Ditslear, B. Wilson, D. Lowry, C. Butt, J. Eishen, K. Bensley. Row 5 — Mr. Ross, Mr. Smith, T. Driggs.

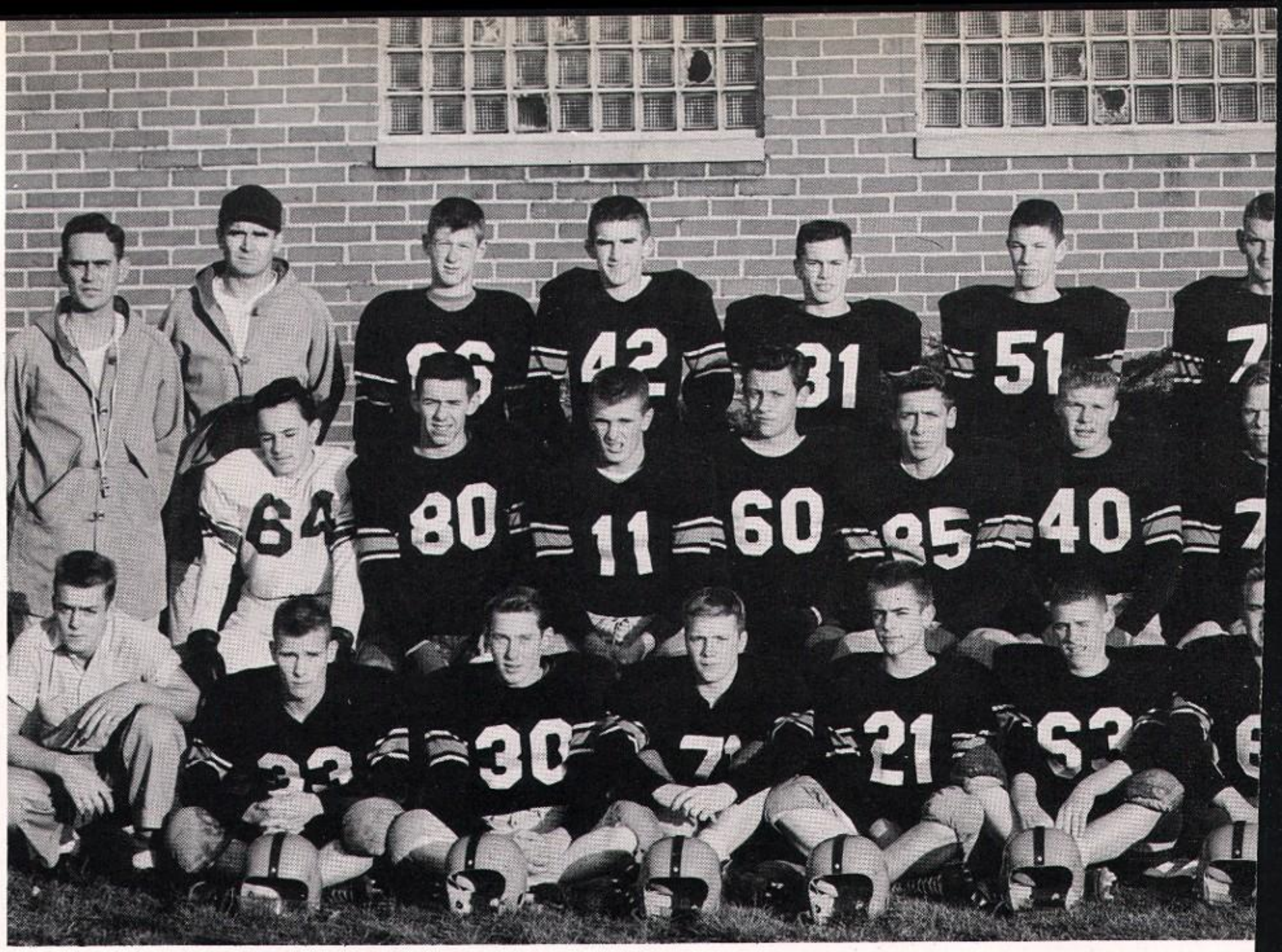
"Clinging to our alma mater,

We shielded from attack,

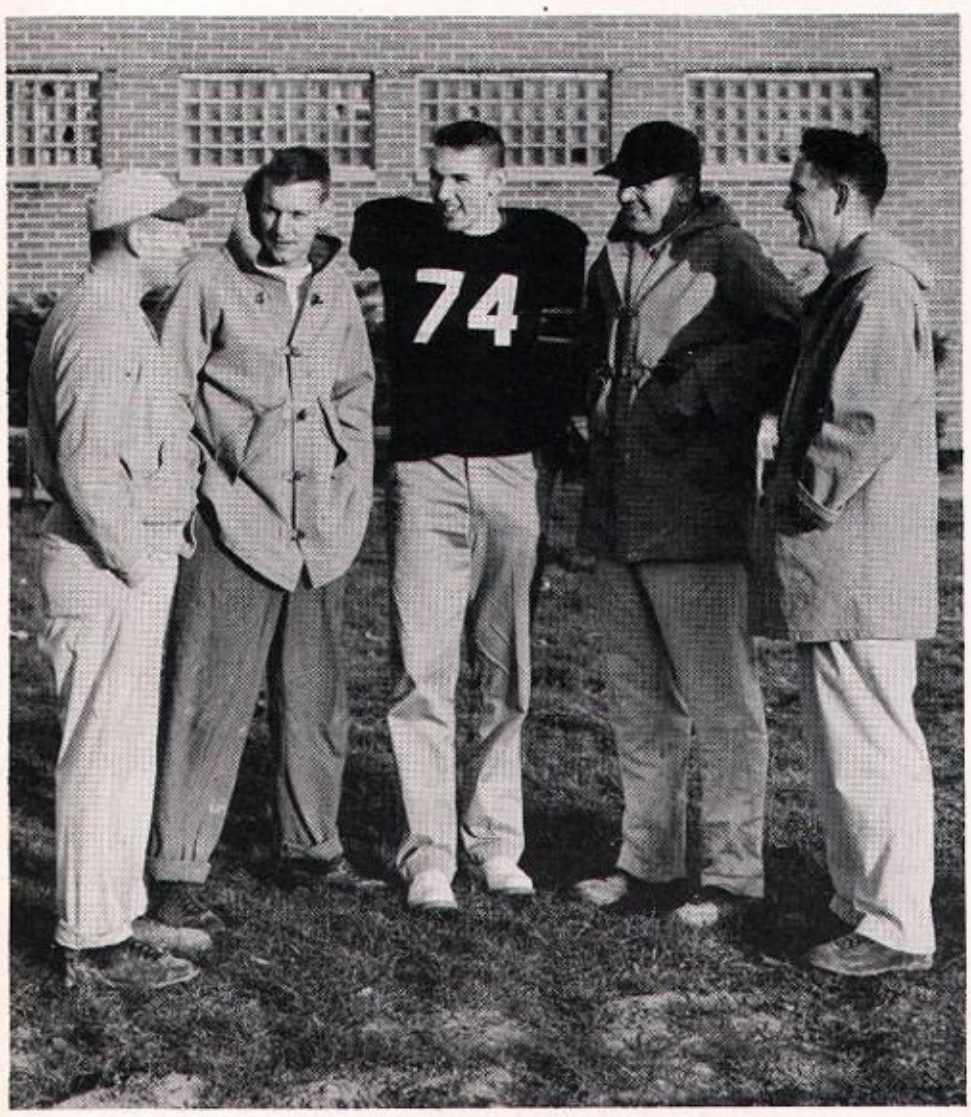
The banner of our colors,

Of the Orange and the Black."

ATHLETICS



FOOTBALL TEAM



Although this year's football team did not have too much weight on the line, the backs proved to be speedy.

This years results:

Willis	12	Marysville 7
Willis	6	Worthington 6
Willis	0	Grandview 20
Willis	12	Bexley 7
Willis	0	Urbana 44
Willis	12	Arlington 27
Willis	0	Mt. Vernon 14
Willis	30	Circleville 26
Willis	40	London 13

Willis placed four members on the all-C. B. L. team. On the offensive team was Dale Campbell, center; John Bob Talley, quarterback. On the defensive team was George Marburger, tackle; Bob Black, guard.

Head coach was Dick Coyle. He was assisted by Len Visci, Ray Middleton and Del Cornwell.

COACHES

Left to right: Mr. Len Visci, Mr. Ray Middleton, Senior Captain George Marburger, Mr. Del Cornwell, Mr. Dick Coyle.

to right: Row 1 — M. Patrick, L. Crank, J. Donovan, J. Shaw, E. Black, D. Miller, B. Yant, D. Gale, G. Bucklew, B. Burns, Tompkins, T. Masters. Row 2 — Mr. Coyle, R. Poulton, J. Burns, J. Talley, B. Black, E. Radugge, J. Fouts, H. Maggard, VanBuskirk, H. Stephenson, D. Campbell, T. Murfield, M. Seidl, J. Blain, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Visci. Row 3 — Mr. Cornell, T. Rybolt, L. Hall, J. Dewey, C. Geesman, C. Claphan, J. Morris, G. Marburger, B. Hopper, E. Maschmann, P. Breece.

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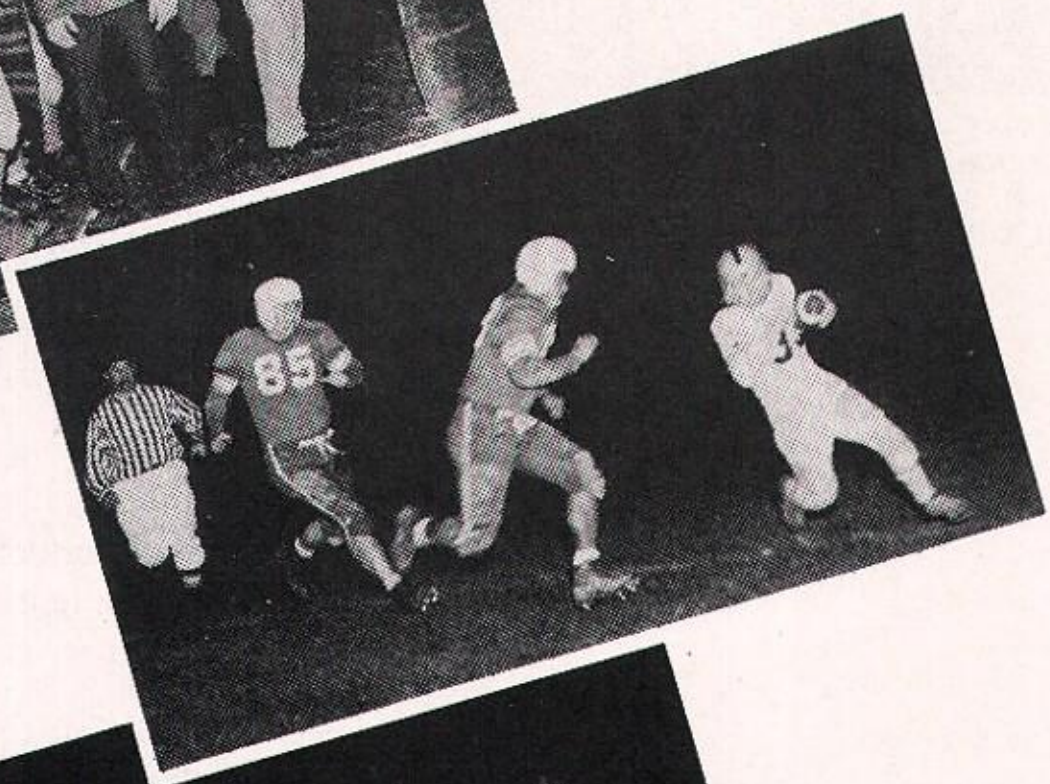
SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS
ft to right: Row 1 — J. Burns, R. ack, D. Campbell, G. Marburger, E. dugge. Row 2 — L. Crank, T. Murld, J. Talley, H. Stephenson.

SCOREBOARD CREW
J. Carnes, L. Hause, B. Johnson

SPOT-LIGHT CREW
Left to right: T. Thomson, J. Elliott, B. Paynter, C. Borden



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: Row 1 — J. Patrick, S. Parker, K. Kern. Row 2 — B. Robbins, J. Jones, F. Alter.

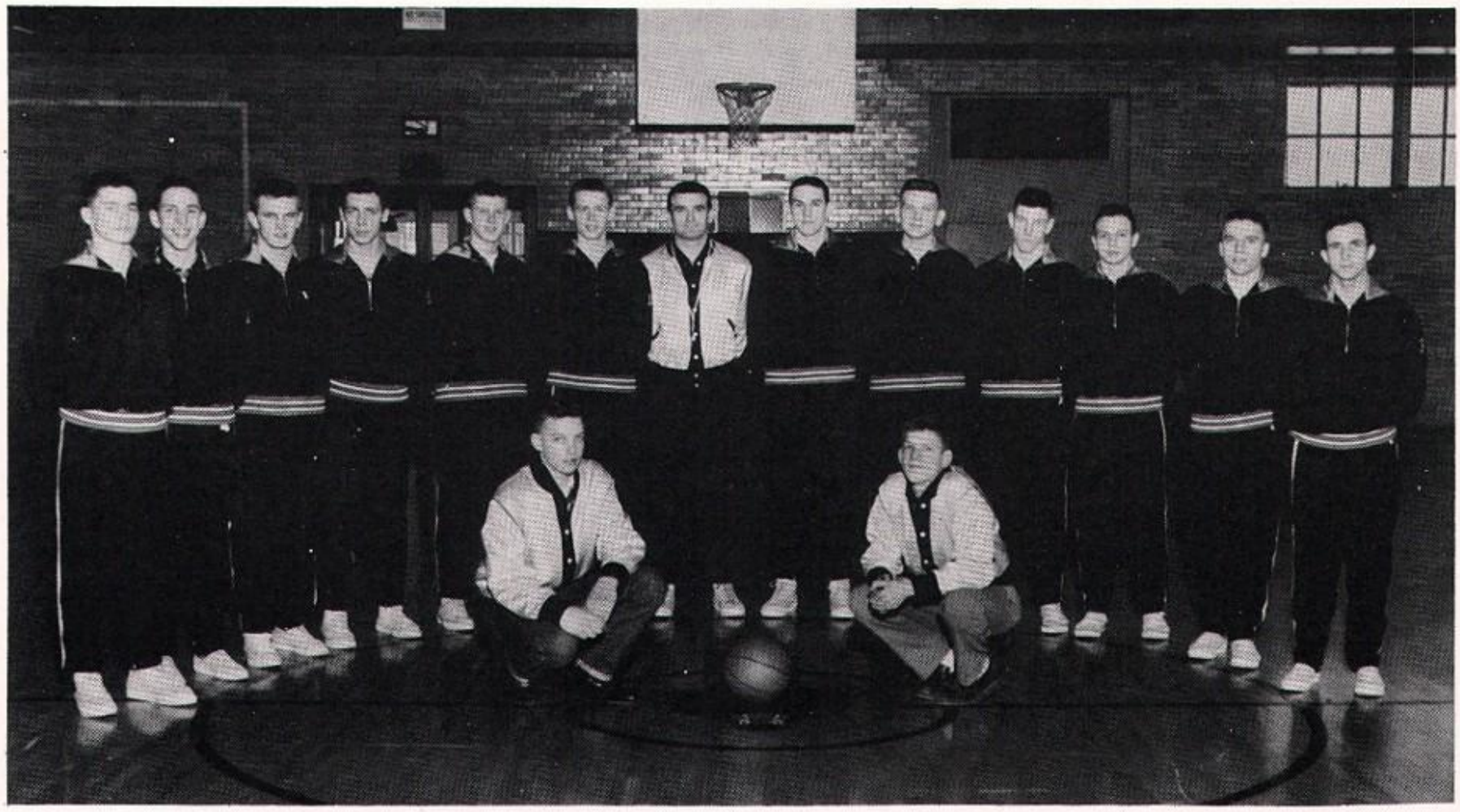
RESERVE CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: J. Seidl, J. Strimer, J. Allen, L. Carlisle, N. Slagle, J. Felts.

HOMECOMING QUEEN AND COURT

Left to right: K. Kern, S. Parker, Queen J. Patrick, S. Tapp, H. Ufferman.

VARSITY BASKETBALL



Left to right: Kneeling — Managers—R. Jones, V. Ward. Standing — J. Dewey, L. Hopper, J. Talley, E. Radugge, T. Rybolt, E. Maschmann, Coach Cornwell, G. Marburger, H. Rhodes, C. Geesman, T. Heineman, M. Seidl, R. Johnson.

Left to right: Coach Cornwell, J. Talley, G. Marburger, E. Radugge.

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RESERVE BASKETBALL

Left to right: Kneeling — J. Freeman, R. Montgomery, J. Hilborn, J. Arnold, G. Bauman, R. Poulton, D. Oberle. Standing — J. Manley, B. Gallant, G. McDonald, G. Morris, L. Hall, T. Rybolt, Coach Coyle, Asst. Coach Middleton, T. Masters, L. Hopper, L. Gongwer, D. Hopkins, B. Ufferman, J. Dewey.

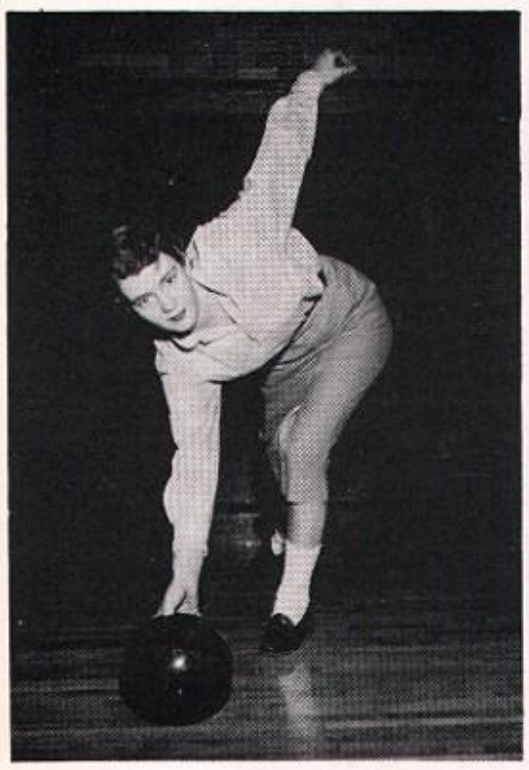
Nov. 29, 1955	Aquinas
Dec. 2, 1955	Worthington
Dec. 6, 1955	Marysville
Dec. 9, 1955	Urbana
Dec. 16, 1955	Arlington
Dec. 20, 1955	Columbus West
Dec. 27, 1955	Big Walnut
Jan. 3, 1956	Linden-McKinley
Jan. 6, 1956	Mt. Vernon
Jan. 13, 1956	Grandview
Jan. 20, 1956	Bexley
Jan. 21, 1956	Academy
Jan. 27, 1956	Urbana
Feb. 3, 1956	Arlington
Feb. 7, 1956	Columbus North
Feb. 10, 1956	Mt. Vernon
Feb. 17, 1956	Grandview
Feb. 24, 1956	Bexley

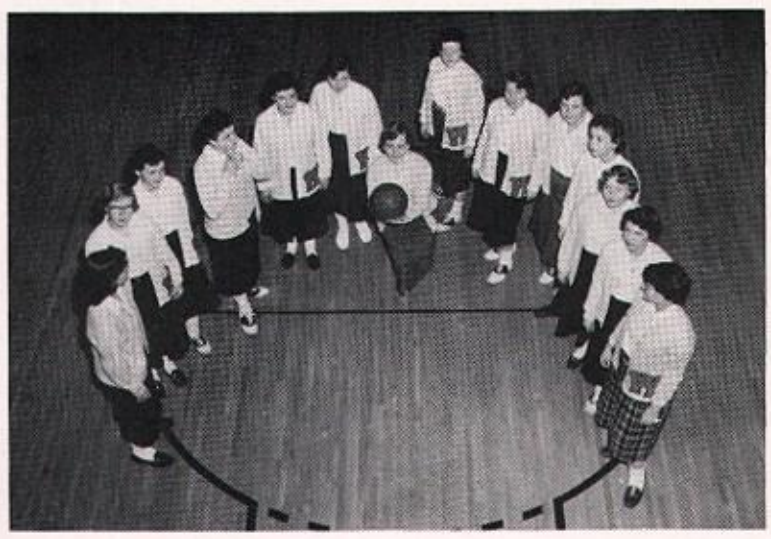
The three seniors on the basketball squad this year were John Bob Talley, who played a literal Jack of All Trades and proved an invaluable aid at all positions at which he played; George Marburger, who was burdened with injuries at the beginning of this year, but proved that his eye was a help on the scoreboard, and that his height was a help under the basket. Ed Raduggee not only helped the team, but also helped himself to plenty of points for the 55-56 basketball squad.

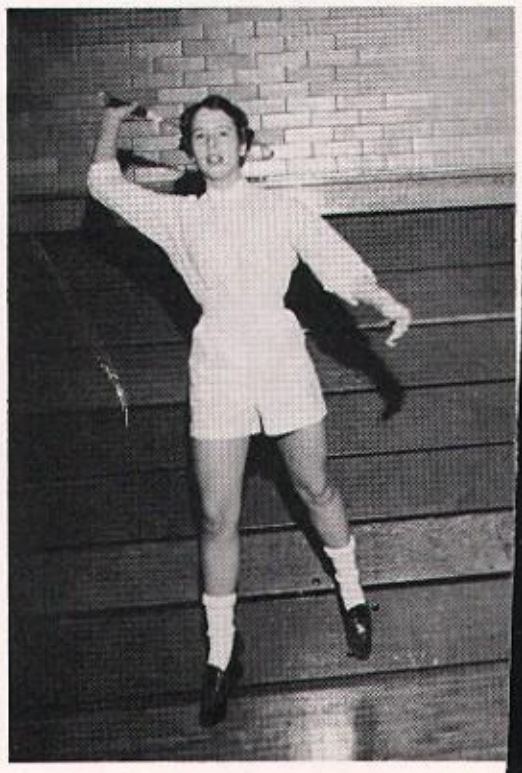
W-GIRLS

Left to right: Row 1 — S. Black, M. Call, E. Dixon, L. Evans, S. Tapp. Row 2 — M. Hasty, E. Snyder, K. Kern, S. Parker, J. Patrick, R. Piatt, L. Chase, S. Baker, M. Dunham.

The "W" is awarded twice each year to girls who are eligible. In order to win the "W" the girl must have participated in at least nine sports in her four years of high school. A girl must rate high in sportsmanship, leadership, fellowship, character, and participation. A W-girl is either a junior or a senior. W-girls are voted on by members of the sports committee. Selections are made by secret ballot and are announced at the Girls' Sports night in the fall and spring of each school year.

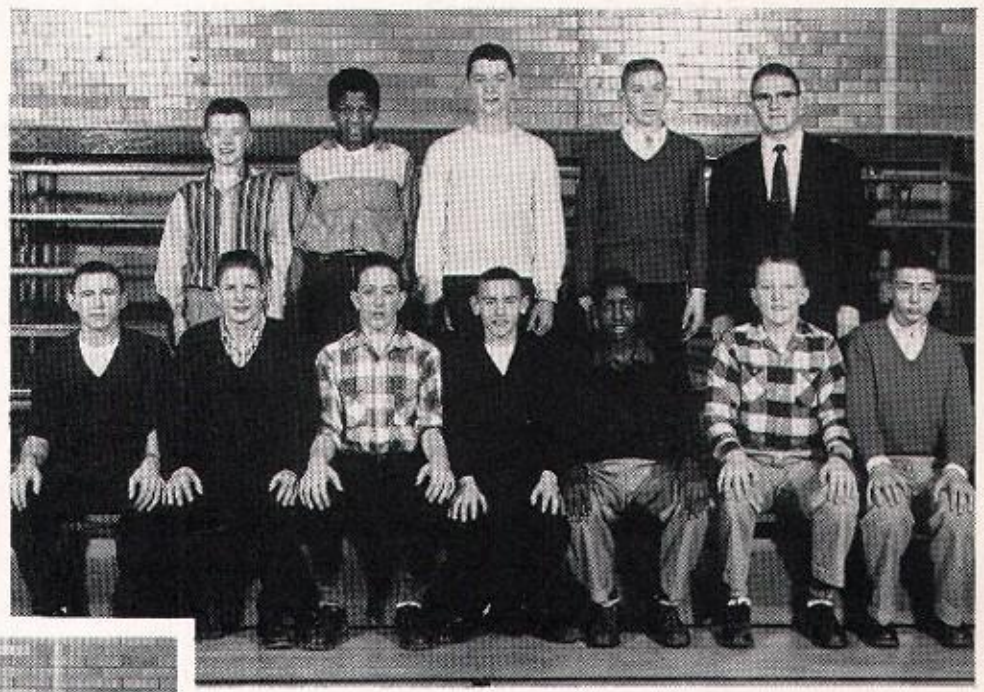






JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL
Left to right: Row 1 — H. Dawson, K. Bensley, R. Clark, S. Buzard, T. Fox, A. Boecklin, L. Hamilton, T. Driggs, J. Wilson, F. Welsh. Row 2 — J. Kelley, C. Fogle, K. Welch, C. Bachelor, J. Ballard, J. Liggett, T. Pope, H. Banks, J. Ross, L. Lowry. Row 3 — H. Welch, M. Hartnell, D. Davenport, E. Bills, R. Dienst, T. Longwell, Mr. Tucker.



EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL
Left to right: Seated — K. Bensley, T. Pope, A. Boecklin, T. Longwell, H. Banks, T. Driggs, J. Ditslear. Standing — T. Gallant, H. Dawson, R. Clark, S. Buzard, Coach Tucker.

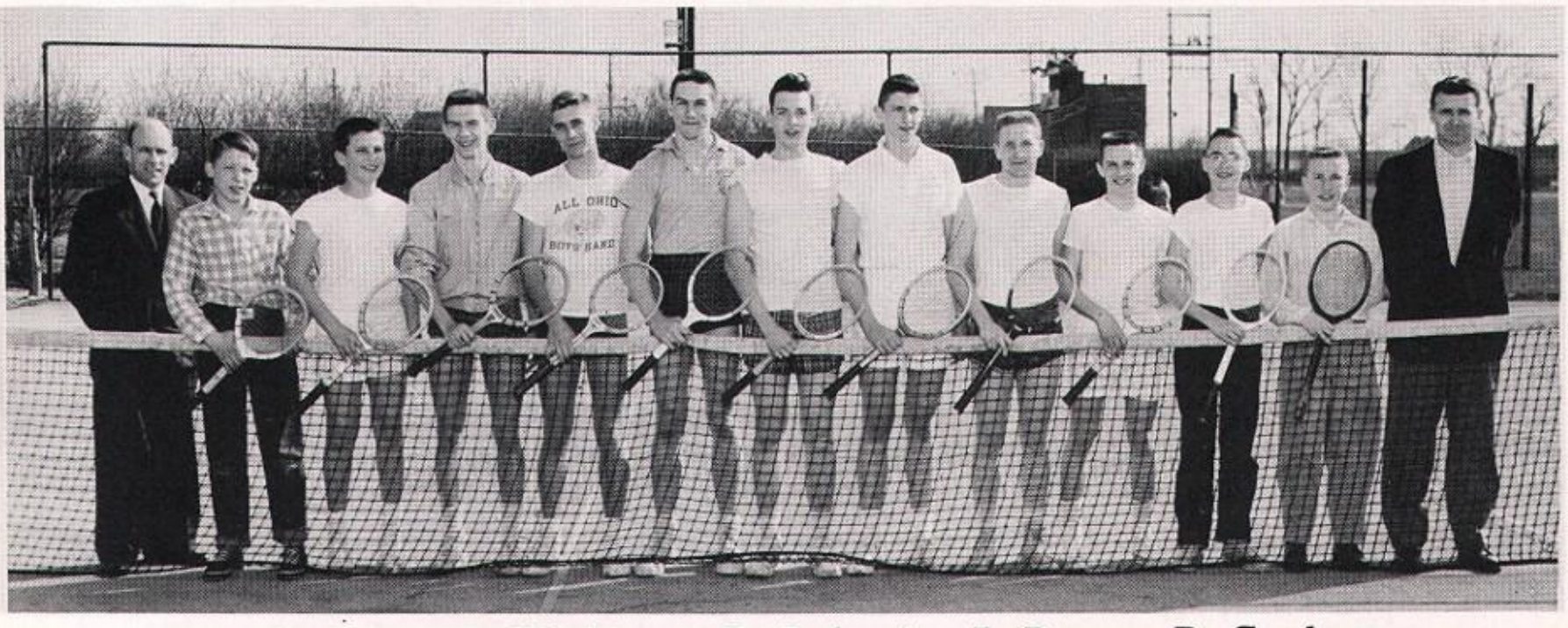
7TH GRADE FOOTBALL
Left to right: Row 1 — J. Brown, W. Wilson, J. Ackley, J. Dimon, D. Evans, C. Horn, J. Rapp, B. Lorish, K. Hall, G. Pope. Row 2 — T. Campbell, C. Ellis, R. Hall, B. Strimer, B. Cooke, M. Casey, L. Marlowe, J. Robinson. Row 3 — F. Colwell, T. Shaw, S. Coover, W. Sampson, G. Buckingham, K. Sanderson, Mr. Tucker.

7TH GRADE BASKETBALL
Left to right: Row 1 — K. Sanderson, B. Strimer, G. Pope, B. Lorish, J. Robinson, G. Buckingham, L. Sheets. Row 2 — W. Wilson, D. Bertram, J. Welch, C. Horn, T. Ackley.

SPRING SPORTS

First row: J. Dewey, G. Dewey, E. Black, D. Hopkins, J. Dunton, G. McDonald, B. Gallant, B. Duffy, J.Fouts, J. Hilborn, R. Poulton, J. Holmes,
Second row: B. Sampson, B. Johnson, L. Ross, M. Seidl, T. Heineman, J. Talley, T. Rybolt, H. Rhodes, C. Geesman, L. Gongwer, B. Bossert, B. Ufferman.

Two of the spring sports started out this year to defend their titles. The baseball team, coached by Len Visci, was at a disadvantage because of the loss of last year's seniors. John Talley and Larry Ross were the only two seniors on the squad. The diamond players had one goal — to have a third consecutive Central Buckeye League championship.



Mr. McCloughan, J. Wickham, B. Roberts, J. Burns, B. Graham, G. Marburger, J. Elliott, C. Sheets, H. Stephenson, B. Burns, B. Wilson, B. Patrick, Mr. Cornwell.

The tennis, again defending their C. B. L. title, had only one of their top men back — Bill Graham, who competed in district and state finals. The tennis team started their games on April 12 with John Burns and Carleton Sheets, also playing singles. The doubles teams consisted of Bruce Burns, David Landsittel, Bill Roberts, and Howie Stephenson. The tennis team is coached by Del Cornwell.

First row: K. Jackson, M. Patrick, S. Lowe, T. Masters, L. Hall, G. Miller, D. Hill, E. Giles, L. Mills
Second row: Mr. Tucker, J. Nibert, G. Buckelew, L. Miller, L. Williams, D. Mooney, A. Cavanie, G. Flourney, G. King, J. Jones, K. Payne, B. Mackley, W. Carnes, not pictured: L. Hopper.

Willis has had many outstanding track members. Mr. Tucker, track coach, says that Jim Nibert is "the best distance runner Willis has had." Nibert was sixth in the state, has won the district mile, and holds the Community Field record and the Central Buckeye League record for the mile. Many of Willis's trackmen this year were new to the sport.

L. Hause, R. Bonnette, T. Thomson, R. Hopper, R. Burrer

A small group, and yet some mighty fine players, made up the golf team which was sponsored by Mr. McCloughan and coached by Mr. Lynn Bunnell. The golf team consisted of seniors Tommy Thomson, Ronald Bonnette, and Larry Hause. Bob Hopper and Ralph Burr also played for the golf team. The team played all the Central Buckeye League teams and competed in the state tournament in Columbus on May 8.

SENIOR HISTORY

(continued)

Homecoming was a terrific success, even though we didn't win the game. The floats were beautiful, the queen and her court looked very nice, and the post-game activities were loads of fun.

The trips taken by the Problems of Democracy classes were few but fun. They included a trip to the local courthouse and the Columbus Police Department. The annual play of the year was "Time Out For Ginger!" Several members of the senior class had parts in this production. Christmas vacation found many pupils working diligently on the term papers required by POD and Senior English. The pupils took time out to go to the annual "Mistletoe Mix" on New Year's Eve and ring in 1956. The end of the semester brought a series of tests including the Senior Scholarship test for the top forty percent of the class.

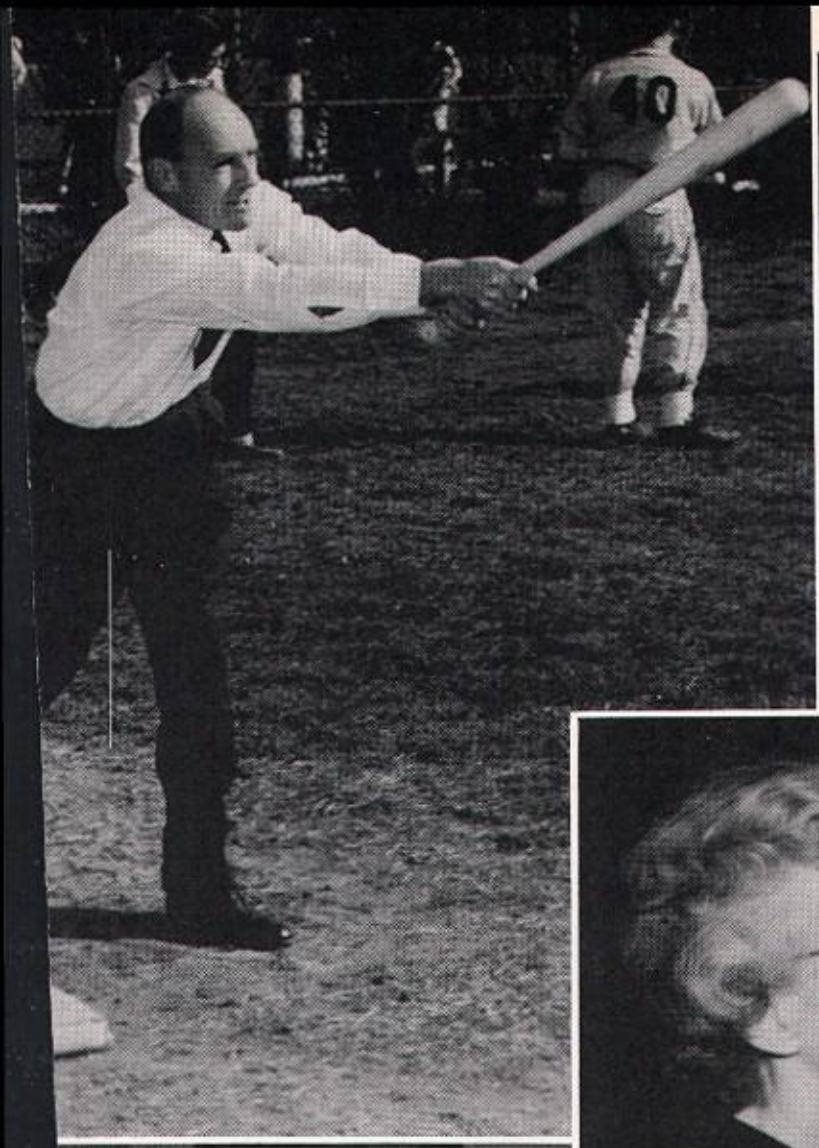
At the beginning of the second semester, we felt that our high school days were too speedily drawing to a close. We tried to make up for lost time by studying lots harder and participating in as many functions as possible. The talent of the seniors was clearly evident in the activities of the Choral Ensemble. This group was invited to sing at numerous occasions—including two appearances on television. The selection of the operetta, "The Fortune Teller," by Victor Herbert gave another opportunity to show off talent.

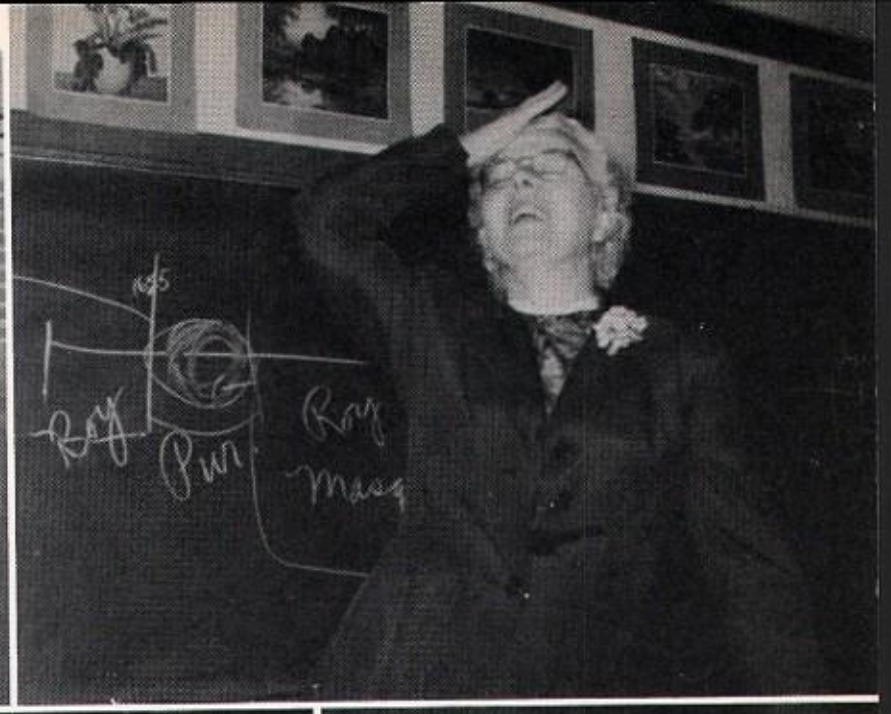
Finally came the big day of ordering our graduation invitations and name cards. We were measured for our caps and gowns which was another big thrill for us. On April 13, some of our class members were honored by being received into the National Honor Society. Also in the spring came the annual senior trip. In the absence of Sherman Moist, Thomas Slasor acted as faculty advisor for the trip. He planned a new route which included sight seeing tours through Washington, D. C., a cruise on the Potomac and finally a stay in New York. While in New York we saw the Broadway productions "Pajama Game" and "Pipe Dream." We returned to Delaware for Easter and the group reported the trip to be a very enjoyable adventure.

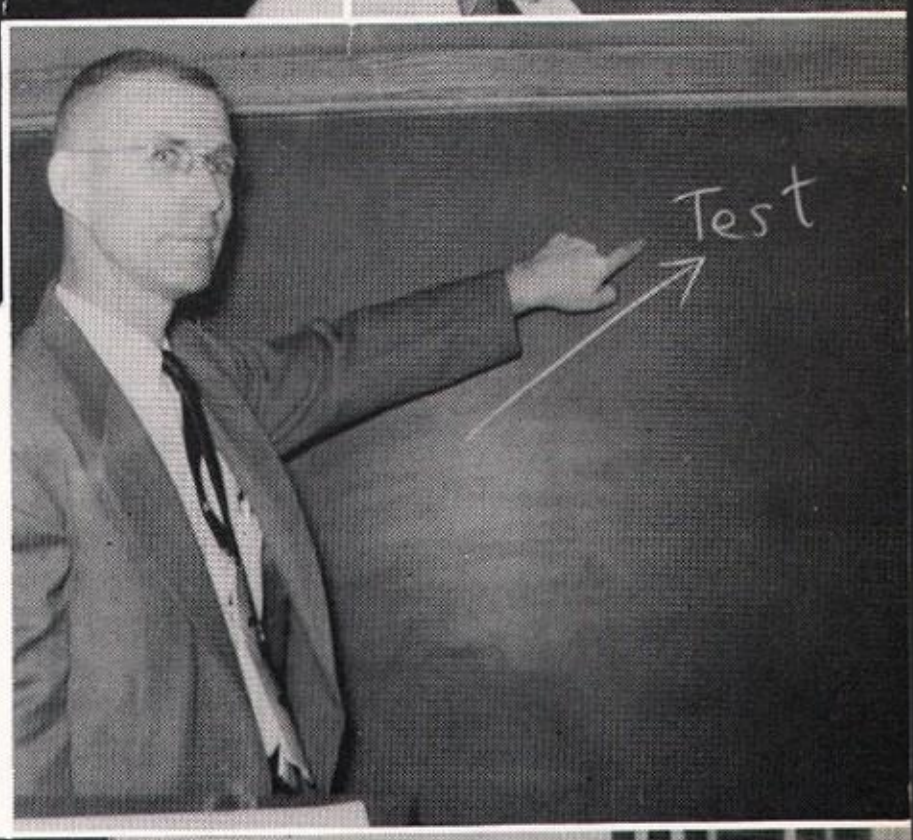
This year it was our turn to be the guests at the annual Junior-Senior banquet and prom which was held on May eighteenth. We could not help but remember all the work that we did last year for our treat to the seniors, and this made us enjoy the work of the juniors all the more. Following the Junior-Senior came the Senior All Night Party. It started at twelve o'clock with a snack followed by a movie in the Willis auditorium. After the movie the group enjoyed a second snack in the school courtyard. The snack period was followed by a short intermission during which all went home to change to play clothes. Next came the trip to Holiday Hill where we enjoyed square dancing, boat riding and breakfast. It was a night of fun, dancing and laughter; a night to remember and one that will live forever in our memories. Traditions of Willis demand that this Junior-Senior be the last social event of the year, so therefore it was with a note of sadness that this night came to an end.

The commencement activities of early June brought to a close a very busy year. Baccalaureate was held on June 3, a very impressive service. We turned in our textbooks and locks for the very last time, and on June 6, marching down the aisle of Gray Chapel, our high school days were officially over. With a trace of moisture in our eyes, we brought our high school careers to a close. The years have passed quickly. Now it is all past and we stand on the threshold of a beckoning world. We are preparing to step onto the crowded road of life and in doing so, we cannot help feeling full of sorrow and regret. We dare not dwell in the past, and may the members of the class always remember the lines from Longfellow's poem, "The Rainy Day":

Be still sad heart and cease repining,
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining.



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HISTORY OF THE SCHOOLYEAR

SEPTEMBER

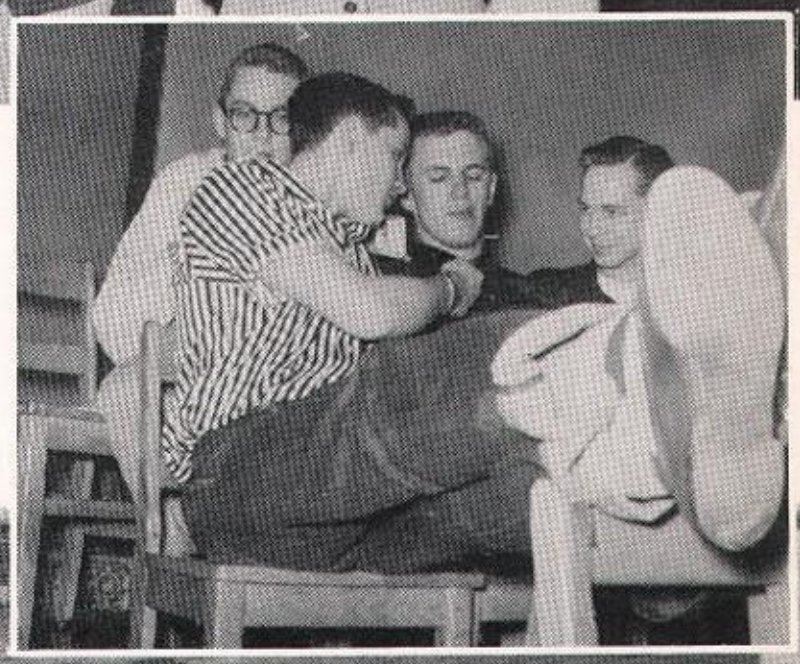
6 School started. Back to the old grind.
9 First pep assembly. Preview game at Columbus Central. Willis lost their quarters.
13 Dress-up day for Senior High. First assembly of the year.
15 Assembly for seventh grade sponsored by W-Teens and Hi-Y Key Club.
16 Second football game - Marysville there. Willis won, 12-7.
17 Powder Puff football game. This girls' football game was sponsored by the Junior Class. The Juniors won.
21 Four girls from Willis reigned as queens at the Delaware County Fair.
22 No school. Brown Jug Day. The Willis Band played at the races at fair.
23 No school. Willis played Worthington at home. Score tied 6-6. Dance sponsored by cheerleaders.
26 Student Chest Drive started.
28 All school dress-up day. Individual pictures taken to be used for the Delhi.
29 Pupils attended school until 11:30 a. m. They came back at 7:00 p. m. so the parents could observe the classes.
30 First C. B. L. football game at Grandview. We lost 20-0.

OCTOBER

3 Student Chest Campaign ended. Delhi subscription campaign started.
4 Assembly. Mr. McCloughan gave a lecture and showed pictures of Australia.
5 First morning worship service. Cast announced for "Time Out For Ginger."
7 Second C. B. L. game - Willis vs. Bexley at home. Dad's night. Willis won 12-7. Hi-Y sponsored dance after the game.
12 Football team and Student Council nominated girls for homecoming queen and court.
13 End of first six weeks. First movie of the year, "David and Bathsheba."
14 No regular classes. Grades 10-12 had group counseling with representatives of different colleges. This took place of our annual career day. Football game at Urbana. Urbana won 44-0.
15 Junior Classical League meeting.
20 Pep Rally at Community Field - Arlington dummy was burned; the coaches gave short talks.
21 Homecoming assembly in auditorium. Homecoming game - Willis vs. Arlington. Arlington won 27-12. Big homecoming dance held in the gym after the game. During the intermission the queen was crowned and the queen and her court presented with a minature football. Dance sponsored by W-Teens.
23 United Nations Day - Our band marched in the parade. Panel discussion in the auditorium assembly. Our Choral Ensemble sang "Getting to Know You."
24 Magazine campaign started.
26 Delhi group pictures taken for clubs and classroom shots.
28 No school - teachers' convention in Columbus. Football game at Mr. Vernon. Mt. Vernon won 14-0.
29 Seventh grade party in the gym.

NOVEMBER

3 Carnival. PTA sponsored the dinner.
4 Last home football game with Circleville. We won 35-29. Dance after game sponsored by the Majorettes.
7 Senior high assembly. Our special guest gave a piano concert.
11 Special senior high Veterans' Day assembly. Music furnished by a group of World War I and II Veterans.
14 Basketball practice began today.
15 Opening day of hunting season.
16 "Time Out For Ginger" given to junior high students.
17 "Time Out For Ginger" given to the public.
19 Dance sponsored by the Sophomore Class.



22 Senior High Thanksgiving assembly.
23 All school movie, "Ivanhoe." Last day of school before Thanksgiving vacation.
28 End of the second six weeks.
29 Basketball game at Aquinas.
30 Report cards handed out.

DECEMBER

1 W-Teen play night and potluck supper in the gym.
2 Basketball game - Willis vs. Worthington there.
3 W-Teen formal at Willis. The theme, "Santa's Workshop," was cleverly carried out.
6 Basketball game. Willis vs. Marysville in our gym.
7 Morning Worship Service in auditorium sponsored by Hi-Y Key Club. This fifteen minute service is held the first Wednesday in each month.
9 First C.B.L. basketball game postponed due to heavy snows and bad roads.
10 The 1955 Delhi Autograph Ball held in the gym.
13 High school assembly; special basketball movie shown.
14 Christmas Concert by the choral music department; program in Willis auditorium.
16 Last day of school. Pre-vacation movie, Magnificent Obsession. Game with Upper Arlington - here; the first C.B.L. game. Dance after game sponsored by Hi-Y. Christmas vacation starts today.
20 Columbus West Basketball game here.
27 Basketball game with Big Walnut high school. We won.
30 Holiday Hop for the junior high.
31 Mistletoe Mix for the senior high.

JANUARY

3 First day of school after vacation. Basketball game, Willis vs. Linden McKinley here.
4 Morning Worship Service in charge of Hi-Y Key Club.
6 Game with Mt. Vernon
6 French and Spanish classes celebrated Kings' Day.
9 Try-outs for talent show.
10 Senior high United Nations assembly program held in auditorium. The program in charge of Hi-Y Key Club.
13 Unlucky day - Willis lost to Grandview 53-62 in Grandview gymnasium.
20 Senior Scholarship Tests. Movie Battleground. Bexley vs. Willis here. Dance sponsored by Hi-Y.
21 Academy vs. Willis here.
22 Pupils from Willis appeared on television. A good job.
23 No school - grading day for teachers. We had a "breathing spell."
24 End of semester.
25 Delhi pictures - a new semester started - lots of resolutions.
26 Grade cards out.
27 Urbana here. Sophomore class sponsored the dance.
31 Band concert - lots of hard work and a good performance.

FEBRUARY

2 Ground Hog Day - "What, no shadow?" Los Oradoes Espanoles prepared and ate Mexican food.
3 Arlington there.
7 Columbus there.
9 Junior High Workshop; F.T.A. members taught junior high classes today. Casts were picked for "The Fortune Teller" and the play which is to be given at the National Thespian Convention in June.
10 Mt. Vernon - here. Dance after game sponsored by the Hi-Y and Key Club and featured the newly organized Willis High dance band in their first appearance. What a joyous occasion. The music was fine.
11 National Forensics League Debate tournament held at our school. Columbus North won the trophies, but Willis debaters turned in a good record.
14 Plenty of celebrating on Valentines' Day; Cupid" was King. F.H.A. Mother-Daughter Banquet.
17 Grandview here. W-Teens had dance after the game. Those Sultans of Swing sure top those records!
22 No school. George Washington's birthday.

25 "Leap Year Ball," sponsored by Junior class - the girls' big chance.
29 "The big day came and went without any proposals." Better luck in '60.

MARCH

2 Charity movie.
6 End of fourth six weeks period.
7 Morning Worship Service; eight to eight fifteen in auditorium. F.F.A. banquet at Bun's
8 V.I.C. banquet.
17 "A real busy day" - Band Concert - Debate finals. Hi-Y and Key Club Formal.
19 Final operetta rehearsals.
22 Operetta "The Fortune Teller" given to public. Good performance.
24 Senior trip.
26-30 Spring vacation.

APRIL

2 Back for more of the same.
3 Easter Ball - Willis Choral Ensemble furnished intermission music.
6 National Honor Society.
6-7 Ohio District Key Club Convention, Dayton. Willis Choral Ensemble sang.
13 Future Homemakers of America Dance.
17 Future Teachers visited the Deaf School in Columbus.
20 French and Spanish Clubs held the bi-annual Mardi Gras.
21 Junior High Dance.
24 End of fifth six weeks.
28 W-Teen Spring Dance. Lots of fun.

MAY

2 B. I. E. Day for seniors - sponsored by business men of our town - gave the seniors an opportunity to learn more about the industries of the city.
3 Latin Club Banquet - (Wow! those slaves.)
6 Band's annual spring concert. Congratulations to Mr. Ross and Mr. Smith for another fine production.
9 C. B. L. track meet at Ohio Wesleyan.
15 Industrial Arts open house. Track relays at Arlington.
18 The Junior-Senior Banquet and prom. Following the prom the seniors had their annual all-night party which ended with games and breakfast at Holiday Hill; this climaxed the social events of the year. The seniors received their invitations and name cards.
22 Senior High Awards assembly - many seniors made the long walk up the aisle to receive their final awards.
24 Installation of new officers in W-Teens with the traditional exchange of roses.
29 Junior High awards assembly.
30 DELHI autograph ball; many pleasant memories linger with your signature.
31 Marching rehearsals for baccalaureate and commencement began for seniors today. For a number of years we had heard the music "Pomp and Circumstance," now we have marched to its rhythm.

JUNE

3 Baccalaureate services held at Gray Chapel this evening.
5 All school movie. Many seniors returned as guests for this last movie.
Marching practice at Willis in the morning, at Gray Chapel in the evening.
6 The Big Day! Senior breakfast at Bun's Colonial Room at nine o'clock.
Commencement at Gray Chapel at eight. A very impressive occasion.
7 All pupils returned today for grade cards. The seniors were not nearly so elated about leaving as they thought they might be.

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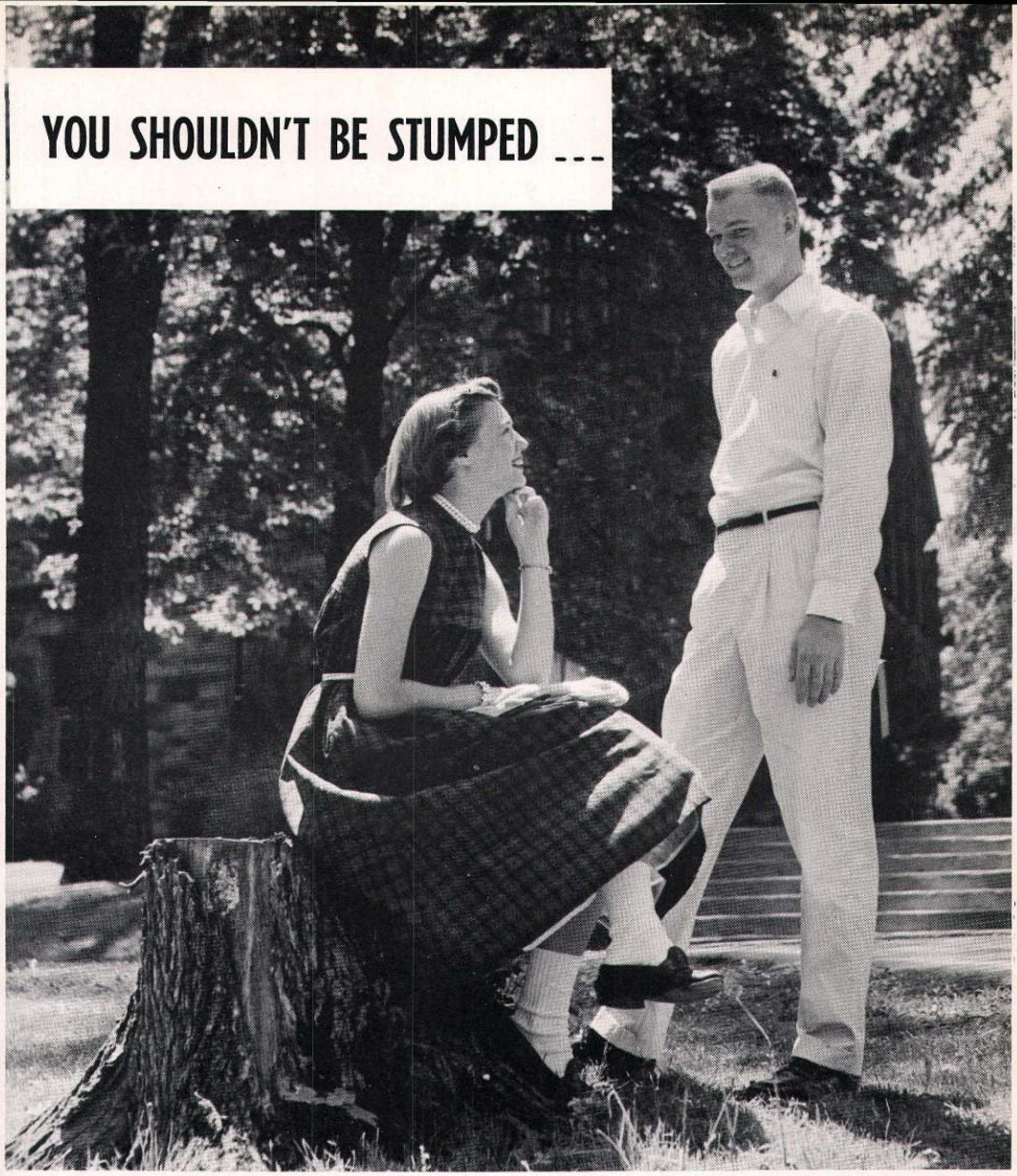

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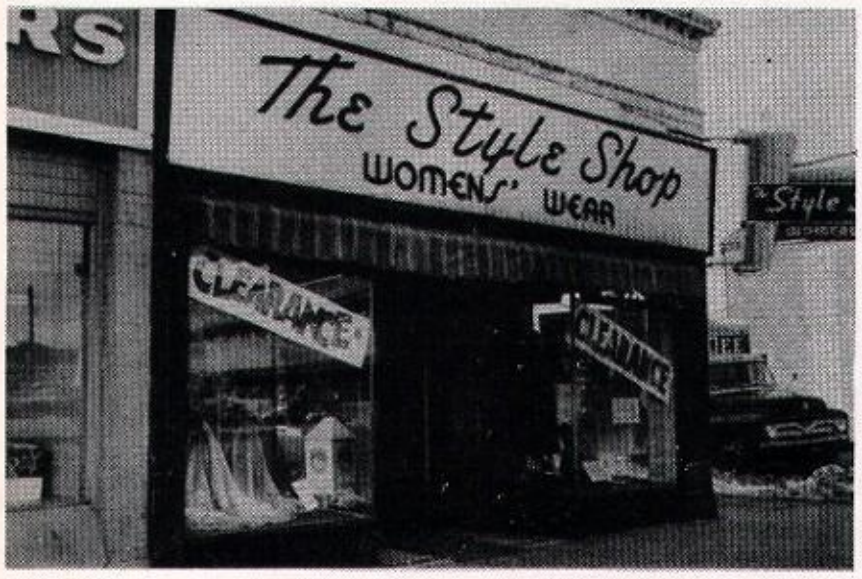

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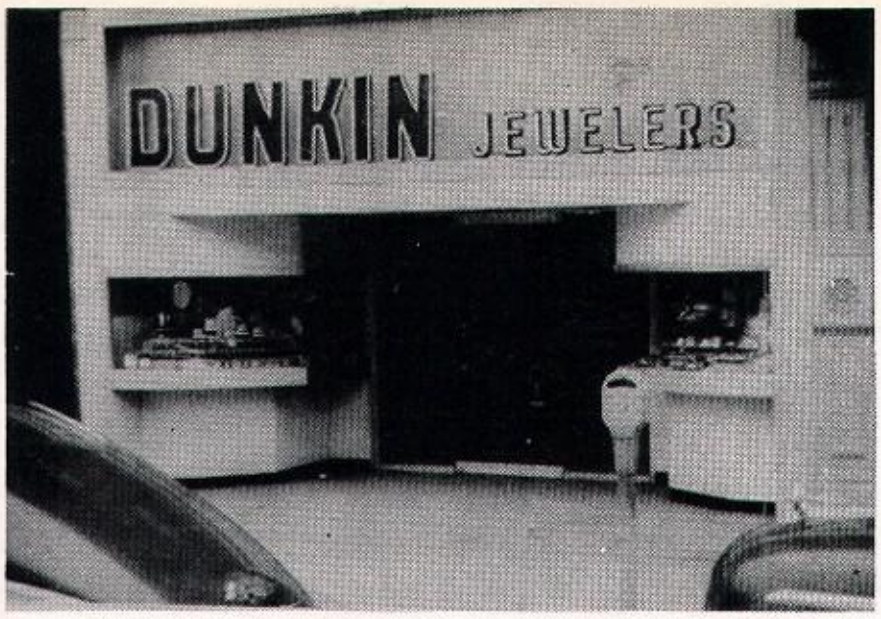

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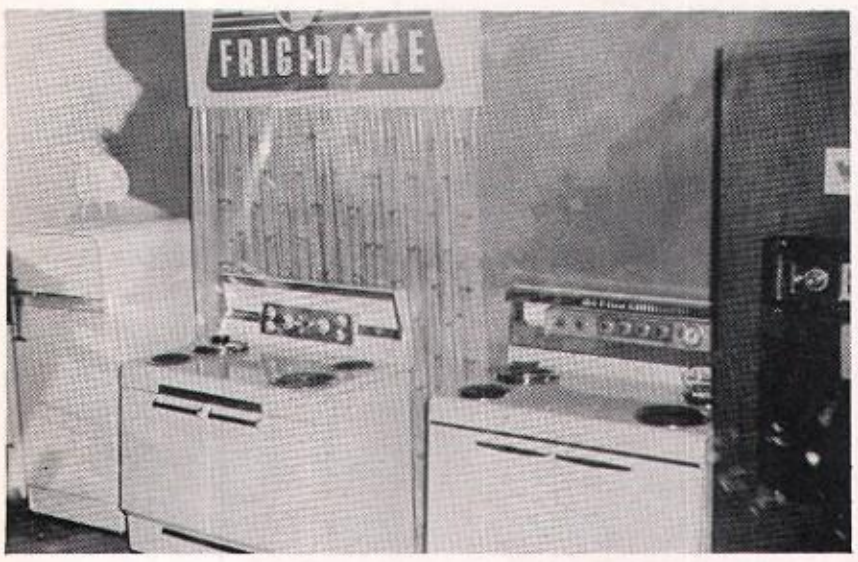

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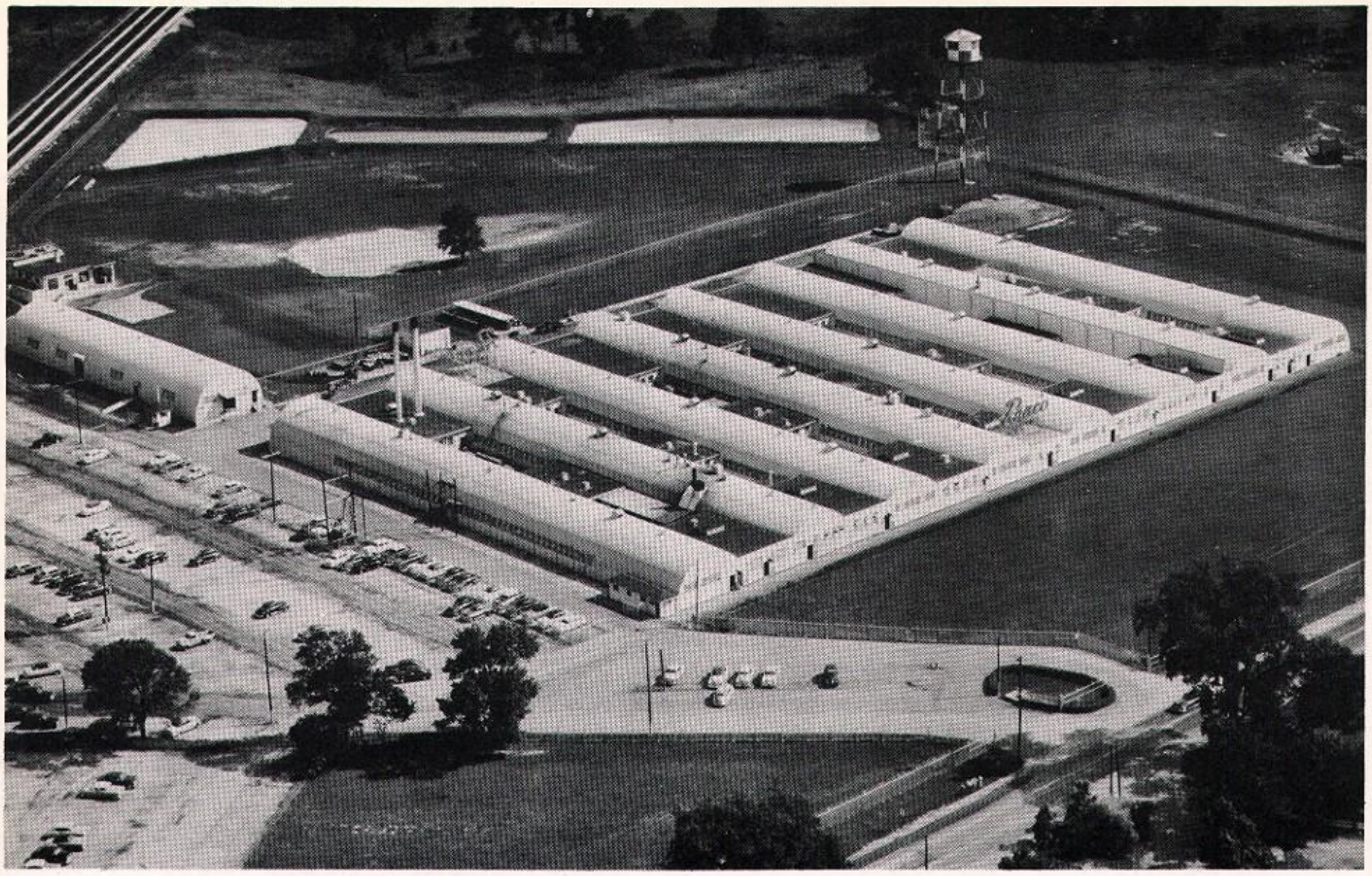

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